

Informative/Explanatory Essay: Compare/Contrast

The **introductory paragraph** should contain an interesting lead statement (hook), a general summary of your topic, and a claim/thesis. Your claim/thesis will be a statement of your position on your topic, or your opinion. **Do not use the first person (I, my, we, etc) in your essay!**

Lead statement (hook):

General summary (includes title of story in quotes and names of characters):

Claim/thesis:

Each **body paragraph** of your essay should contain a topic sentence, details, and a closing sentence. Each body paragraph should contain evidence from the story that supports your claim/thesis. **Each of your body paragraphs need a quote from the book with page numbers as evidence.**

Body Paragraph 1: In this paragraph, you are discussing how the two characters are SIMILAR.

Topic sentence:

Evidence from the story:

Quote with page #:

Concluding sentence:

Body Paragraph 2: In this paragraph, you are discussing how the two characters are DIFFERENT.

Topic sentence:

Evidence from the story:

Quote with page #:

In your **conclusion**, restate your claim/thesis and include any lasting impressions that you want to leave with your audience. This is your last time to state your opinion!

Conclusion