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# Comparison/Contrast Literary Paragraph

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## Writing Assignment

After reading, analyzing, and discussing how the theme “Appearance vs. Reality” worked in “The Luckiest Time of All” and “Both Sides of the Fence” and in the movie, write a four point paragraph on the similarities and differences between the movie and each short story. In other words, you will show a strong similarity between the movie and “Luckiest Time” and then a strong difference between the movie and the same story. After those two points, you will repeat the process for the comparison and difference between the movie and “Both Sides.” **Note: this comparison/contrast paragraph is not a focus on theme!**

Use the space below to do a brainstorming in order to come up with ideas to do a pre-writing on the backside of this paper. Once you have your ideas organized in the pre-writing, TYPE the paragraph in Google Classroom and make as close to perfect as possible like a final draft. Remember, you must have a topic sentence, clear points, strong examples, correct transitions, and a correct concluding sentence. Your writing will be graded on your paragraph structure, use of transitions, grammar and mechanics, sentence structure, word choice, spelling, content and focus, and documentation—**You Must Use quotes, paraphrases, and give credit to sources. Each and every example must have a quote/paraphrase with correct documentation in it** and all examples must tie back to the point you are making. See the example below. So, plan and write well. Good Luck! Use the space below to begin putting your ideas together.

(TS) Looking at the movie We Bought a Zoo, the short stories “The Luckiest Time of All,” and “Both Sides of the Fence,” there are some definite similarities and differences between them. (1<sup>st</sup> PT) First, Benjamin is very much like Elzie because both wanted to have an adventure. (EX) As Elzie stated in her story to her great-granddaughter Tee of why she went to join a circus, she “wanted to travel and see new things, and have high times” (Clifton 360). Likewise, in the movie when Benjamin and Rosie went looking for a new place to live and found the zoo, he told Mr. Stevens, their realtor, that “I just want new. I want new everything. New opportunities, new schools, just new” (Crowe and Yorn). In other words, these two protagonists were very excited about the possibilities to experience something “new” in their lives.

# Pre-Writing Sheet

**This does not count as your first draft!!!!**

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Topic Sentence (has: Part of topic, say something, and # of reasons):

(1<sup>st</sup> Pt.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Transition word,

Example Sentence #1a (Explain the PT)

Example Sentence #1b (Show Similarity)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Pt.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Transition word,

Example Sentence #2a (Explain the PT)

Example Sentence #2b (Show Difference)

(3<sup>rd</sup> Pt.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Transition word

Example Sentence #3a (Explain the PT)

Example Sentence #3b (Show Similarity)

(4<sup>th</sup> Pt.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Transition word

Example Sentence #4a (Explain the PT)

Example Sentence #4b (Show Difference)

Concluding Sentence (In short, Therefore, All in All, Consequently, In summary):  
(CS) \_\_\_\_\_

Pick  
just  
one of  
these!

**(PT) Transitions: (First, Second, Third), (One, Two, Three), or (To begin with, Next, Finally)**