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Compare/Contrast Literary Essay Outline

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**Introduction:**

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| **Attention Grabbing Opener:**  (Bold Statement /Quote from Text) |
| **Bridge:**  (Brief summaries of the two texts) |
| **Claim:**  (The criteria you believe is similar or different between the two texts) |

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| **Body Paragraph 1 Criteria (character, theme, style):** |
| Lead Sentence:  (include the titles of the 2 texts, a compare/contrast term, and the criteria you are comparing)  **Possible Transitions:**  To begin  One example  One way |
| Evidence |
| Quote from Text #1:  (a sentence to lead into your quote, a strong quote to support your claim, and a sentence to lead out)  **Possible Transitions:**  On page/line  According to the author  The character says |
| Quote from Text #2:  (a sentence to lead into your quote, a strong quote to support your claim, and a sentence to lead out)  **Possible Transitions:**  On page/line  According to the author  The character says |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Compare:**  Both  Same  similar | **Contrast:**  However  While  On the other hand |   Compare/Contrast Sentence:  (Dig deep: What is ***really*** similar or different here?) |
| Explanation:  (Dig deep again: What does this show about the world or about how authors tell stories?)  **Possible Transitions:**  This shows  This explains  This demonstrates  This means |

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| **Body Paragraph 2 Criteria (character, theme, style):** |
| Lead Sentence:  (include the titles of the 2 texts, a compare/contrast term, and the criteria you are comparing)  **Possible Transitions:**  Furthermore  In addition  Another way  Another example |
| Evidence |
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**Conclusion:**

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| Lead Sentence:  (Remind/relate back to the claim)  **Possible Transitions:**  Therefore  For these reasons  As you can see  Without a doubt  It is clear that  All in all  Overall |
| Closing Argument:  *(real world connection to themes/life lessons)* |