

Diagnostic Essay

A major portion of literary analysis requires the critic to compare and contrast common elements within a specified genre.

- using “The Goose Girl” and “Godfather Death,” contrast the different “morally challenged” characters utilized by the story tellers — *or* —
- using E. A. Poe’s “The Tell-Tale Heart” compare the unnamed protagonist with the personified figure of Death in “Godfather Death.”

OBJECTIVES

1. Isolate a strong thesis statement regarding the two stories. *For example:*

Ironically, both the Chambermaid in “The Goose Girl” and the Young Doctor from “Godfather Death” utilize the same aggressive characteristics, despite the fact the female character serves as the antagonist role and the male character serves as the expected protagonist role.

2. Remember you want to feature your topic throughout the essay. Each paragraph must defend your main focus. Be sure to support the thesis with secondary evidence details from each story.
3. When writing the first draft, be sure subsequent paragraphs include topic sentences relating to your thesis.
4. Create an interesting, intricate introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs.
5. Be sure each new paragraph includes a strong transitional phrase.
6. Use five or more sentences per paragraph.
7. Use MS Word showing the correct essay format; 2 or more pages, stapled.
8. Exercises are due typed next Friday 02.12.10.
9. *Be sure to proof your work. I will grade your English skills, your method of defense for the topic, and your approach to the essay’s development.*
However, at this stage, your analytical skills are not a factor in the grading.

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