

Comparison / Contrast

Both Richard Wright and James Joyce use characters which can be considered anti-heros. Briefly analyze the similarities and differences between the main figures in “A Man Almost a Man” and “Araby.”

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a strong thesis statement linking the authors’ two themes.
 - Deduce a theory why the anti-hero appealed to both authors.
 - Defend the characters fitting the anti-hero definition.
 - How does the anti-hero concept complement their themes?
 - Consider what similar/dissimilar motivations exist between the two characters.
2. Remember you want to feature your topic throughout the essay. Be sure to support the thesis with secondary details from each story. Quote from one of the primary sources in every paragraph.

For parenthetical citations, use page numbers from handout.
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. Use five or more sentences per paragraph.
6. Use the correct essay format.
7. Exercises are due Monday 03.01.10, both digital and print versions.
8. Essay Length: 2 or more pages, stapled.
9. Include a Work Cited page listing sources in correct MLA format.

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