

assignment 01-part 1

Comparison/Contrast Essay

A major portion of literary analysis requires the critic to compare and contrast common personality-traits within different characters.

- Compare the chambermaid from “The Goose Girl” and Montresor from “The Cask of Amontillado.” Despite the different roles in their stories, how are their characterizations/personalities similar?
- Or compare the doctor-husband John in “The Yellow Wallpaper” with the Young Doctor in “Godfather Death.” How are their reactions and personalities similar?

PART 1 DUE: THURSDAY 10/03 < print copy only

PART 2 DUE: TUESDAY 10/15 < in turnitin.com BEFORE CLASS

This project is divided into two stages. Part one consists of providing an abstract, in academic terms, which will propose your initial ideas and show a strong, working thesis.

OBJECTIVES PART ONE

1. Isolate a tentative thesis discussing your choice of the two supplied stories in academic tones. *For example:*
 Ironically, in two Grimm Brothers’ stories both the Chambermaid in the “The Goose Girl” and the Young Doctor from “Godfather Death” seem to have similar aggressive characteristics.
 - This shows the instructor you have a plan of attack; likewise this does not represent the final version of a thesis, but does open up possible discussion and necessary revisions.
2. In roughly 100-125 words generate an abstract introduction showing what direction your overall paper will take. *We will discuss requirements in a few days.* This paragraph *can echo but not repeat* material placed in the paper.
3. Print out using standard APA guidelines.

assignment 01-part 2

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PART 2 DUE: TUESDAY 10/15 STAPLED

OBJECTIVES PART TWO < in turnitin.com BEFORE CLASS

1. Maintain a strong thesis regarding the two stories.
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 the correct APA essay format outlined in *Bedford Handbook*.
8. Show Reference page.
9. **Essay Length: 1250 words (roughly four to five full pages; keep in mind this is *not* counting the abstract or Reference pages).**
10. You do *not* want to spend most of your paper comparing or contrasting obvious characteristics: I already know there are many differences and many similarities between the characters. Avoid clichéd writing.
11. *Be sure to proof your work.*
12. *Remember to add **revised** abstract with final paper into Turnitin.com/.*