

Comparison / Contrast

Edgar Allan Poe frequently utilizes characters who exist with a strong sense of disconnect from reality. Briefly analyze the similarities and differences between the two protagonists in “The Tell-Tale Heart” and “The Cask of Amontillado.”

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a strong thesis statement linking the author’s two characters.
Consider what similar techniques can be detected between the two stories.
Consider what differences keep the two stories distinct.
Consider what similar/dissimilar motivations exist between the two characters.
What claim can you make regarding both works?
2. Essay Length: 800 words (2 full pages).
Follow the proper format for Comparative / Contrast pattern papers.
3. Create a formal and intricate introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs.
4. Underline your thesis statement.
5. Use five or more sentences per paragraph. Back up your views with quotes from the short story itself. You do not need to summarize plot; however, defend your views with clear evidence from the material.
6. Use MS Word showing the correct MLA standards for essay format.
Cite page numbers after quotes.
Create a work cited page for reference material.
7. Exercises are due Monday 07.27, beginning of class.
8. *Be sure to proof your work.*

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