

## ***Night & Farewell to Manzanar* Comparative Essay**

### **Task**

Now that we have read both *Night & Farewell to Manzanar*, you will be writing a comparative essay. Both of these novels contain many similarities. Some comparisons you could make in your essay are (only pick one):

- Themes
- Symbols
- Character(s)/Character Traits
- Time Period
- Locations
- Camp Life

•A comparison essay notes **either** similarities, or similarities and differences.

### **Deadline**

- Due 2/27 by midnight
- Must be submitted to turnitin.com
  - **No exceptions!**

### **Requirements**

- MLA Format
- 2-3 pages
- Properly use in-text citations
- Works Cited Page

## Wednesday

1. Selecting a topic
  - a. Go up to the “task” section of this document and choose one thing you would like to compare between both novels
2. Writing your introduction paragraph
  - a. Sentence 1 & 2- Introduction of general topic
    - i. It would be a good idea to mention the title and authors of the novels
  - b. Sentence 3 & 4-Specific Topic
  - c. Thesis Statement
3. Finding quotes/evidence to use in your paper

## Thursday

1. Body Paragraphs
  - a. I am not going to tell you how many body paragraphs you should have. Instead, it is up to you to determine the appropriate amount based on the topic you have selected and the evidence you have gathered.
2. Body Paragraph Format (repeat this structure for each body paragraph)
  - State subtopic (set up what you will discuss/how you will prove thesis in this paragraph)
  - Explain (explain how your subtopic relates specifically to both texts)
  - Examples from text 1 (insert examples and quotes that prove subtopic and explanation of subtopic)
  - Explain examples (explain meaning of examples and quotes and how they refer to literary devices)
  - Examples from text 2 (insert examples and quotes that prove subtopic and explanation of subtopic)
  - Explain examples (explain meaning of examples and quotes and how they refer to a literary devices)
  - Analysis (connections and similarities in both works; lesson/goal of examples and subtopic; link to thesis)
  - Sum up (subtopic and main points) and transition (introduce next subtopic)

## Monday

1. Concluding Paragraph Format:
  - a. Summary of main points
    - i. First, you want to summarize your main points. It's more than a simple summary, though. You want to synthesize your thesis with the information in your body paragraphs.
  - b. Evaluation
    - i. Next, you want to evaluate what you've discussed or talk about possible future developments. This is where you show the greater purpose of your topic. Your conclusion should answer one question: What does it all mean?
    - ii. As you work on this part, keep in mind that your conclusion should bring things full circle to your introduction.
  - c. Significance
    - i. Finally, you need to show the significance of the similarities & differences. What was your end goal in showing the similarities/differences? (Hint: Refer back to your introduction and thesis statement if you're stuck here.)
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