**Yossi/ Chris Compare/ Contrast Essay**

You are to write a formal essay with citations comparing and contrasting Yossi Ghinsberg and Chris McCandless in the books *Jungle* and *Into the Wild*.

Often, a compare/ contrast essay follows the following format:

**Introduction**

-Hook—should be exciting and engage the reader—ideas include fragments, a question, a description, etc.

-Thesis (Example: Although essays and short stories are similar in many ways, they also have many differences.)

- Three topics (Example: Essays and short stories share many characteristics, such as being written in prose and using descriptive language. They vary, however, because of the format and various conventions used in each.)

**Body Par. #1**

- Similarities (Should have at least three, and quotes from the text should be included in each).

**Body Par. #2**

- Features of topic 1 with quotes from the text.

**Body Par. #3**

- Features of topic 2 with quotes from the text.

**Conclusion**

* Restate thesis in new words
* Restate three topics
* Offer a reflective statement

**Tips**

* When writing about literature, write in the present tense.
* Book titles are italicized.
* When directly quoting, use quotation marks. Also include an in-text citation with the author’s last name and the page number.
  + Example: “…Marcus discovered red splotches on his feet and complained that they were very painful” (Ghinsberg 105).
* For every direct quote, there should be one to three sentences of analysis.
  + Example: Times are becoming more difficult for the group, and one of the worst effects of the adventure involves a fungus that afflicts multiple characters. While Marcus is in pain, his companions begin to think he is overly sensitive and childish. The fungal issues only exacerbate the conflict that is growing between them.
* Add a Works Cited page—use MLA style.

**Attach the rubric on the back to your essay!**

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| **General Content** | The essay includes information that does not match the prompt. | The essay includes information, but the prompt is not directly addressed. | The essay includes accurate information, some from the book and class. The prompt is addressed. | The essay includes clear and accurate information from the book and class. The prompt is effectively addressed. | The essay includes clear and accurate information from the book and class. The prompt is effectively and precisely addressed. |
| **Organization** | The essay does not have paragraph breaks or lacks general organization. The hook may be missing. | Multiple paragraphs exist, but the format may be difficult to understand at times. The hook is present. | The essay is written in an effective format. Multiple paragraphs exist. The hook is present. | The essay is written in an effective format. Multiple paragraphs exist, and the essay is well-organized. The hook is very engaging, | The essay is written in a logical, effective format. Multiple paragraphs exist, and the essay is well-organized. The hook is very creative and engaging. |
| **Conventions** | Essay is often hard to follow because of conventions errors. | Multiple conventions errors, but they do not inhibit understanding. | Over 10 conventions errors. | Five to 10 conventions errors. | Less than five conventions errors. |
| **Understanding of Information** | Few details are used. Understanding is not evident. A great deal of misinformation exists. Citations and Works Cited page are missing. | Few details are used. Partial understanding is evident. Some misinformation exists. Citations and/ or Works Cited page may be missing. | Multiple details are used. Understanding is evident. Quotes are cited and a Works Cited page is included. | Multiple details are used. Thorough understanding is evident. Quotes are correctly cited and a Works Cited page is included. | Multiple specific details are used. Thorough understanding is evident. Quotes are correctly cited and a Works Cited page is included. |
| **Format** | Four requirements missing | Three requirements missing | Two requirements missing | One requirement missing | Typed, double-spaced, size 12 font; name, period, and date in top left corner; centered title; rubric stapled to essay |