

English 2 Peer Review of Theme Comparison Paper:

Your Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Stories student chose to compare: _____

1. Read the essay once through without making any marks.
2. Does the essay leave you with a dominant impression, a comparison that engages you? What is it?
3. What works in the essay?
4. What needs more work in the essay?
5. Now read the essay through again, this time checking, ✓, ✓+, those things you like, placing a question mark, ?, next to those things you find confusing, drawing a squiggly line under sentences you can't follow, and circling words or phrases that you think need work. Additionally, comment in the essay's margins, remembering as you read to check for the following:
 - a. Have MLA conventions been followed in the header, in the upper-right-hand corner of each page, in citations, and in the Works Cited?
 - b. Does the essay have a good title? Why?
 - c. Does the intro paragraph briefly describe the portions of the story relevant to the essay?
 - d. Is there a thesis statement at the end of the first paragraph?
 - e. Do the second and subsequent paragraphs up to and including the penultimate paragraph have clear topics?
 - f. Does the conclusion relate back to the thesis and title and does it give a sense of what the student learned in writing this paper?
 - g. Are both stories and additional sources cited?
 - h. Does the essay reveal a new idea?
6. Discuss this review with author _____ (Your initials) _____ (Author's Initials)