

Write a comparison Essay.

Compare 2 major characters in your book.

- 1) Show how they are similar as well as different.
- 2) Use the strong writing skills from your water bottles essay like: a clever introduction, strong topic sentences and evidence from the story to support your topic sentences. Write a clear conclusion.
- 3) Use transitions between paragraphs and within paragraphs.
- 4) Revise and edit carefully.

EXAMPLE: The Bully Vs. the Victim

Comparative Essay

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Imagine you just arrived at a new school and you only knew one person in your entire life. That is basically what just happened to Cap Anderson, one of the main characters. In the book *Schooled* by Gordon Korman, main characters Zach and Cap are not exactly the same. Zach is the school bully as well as the school prankster, but very fearless and daring. Cap is the hippie who is very positive and kind. A main event in this book is the student presidential election. These two characters have a large amount of differences about many things, but they also have some very interesting similarities.

Cap and Zach have many differences of opinions and personalities. **First**, during the class presidential election their actions were really different. During the election, Cap showed that he showed how positive he was. He was easy going, even though he "he came from an anonymous collective" the text stated. While Zach showed how rude and immature he was, Cap's showed his class by being surprised when he was elected and accepted it to help the class. He was very kind about it and very positive. **But**, Cap was also in shock because in the book Hugh asked "Are you running for president?" "Of course not. I don't believe in government. I come from an autonomous collective." Cap replied. So Cap didn't know what was happening with the election at first. In the end, he loved the school. Zach, on the other hand, thought it was really funny because at that time he was the school's bully as well as the school's prankster. It was a daring thing to do but that is Zach's character. He teased and bullied Cap through the student election. Cap's motives for doing this were to help the class. **However**, Zach's motives to nominating Cap were to bully him. I know this because Zach stated "This was my year." **In the end**, Zach's perspective of nominating Cap changed too regretting that he had ever nominated Cap. While, Cap's perspective was he still loved the school and cared about it so much. This book has a lot of strong differences but it still has some very interesting similarities.

The similarities during this book between Cap and Zach were a lot of the times related to their relationship with Hugh. A similarity in this book is at one point Cap and Zach were both leaders. At first Zach was the leader of the popular group, but then his followers started going away to hang out with Cap. **In the same way**, Cap was picked on and then started to become even more popular. **Also**, they both knew Hugh and at one point once hung out with Hugh. Because at the beginning, Cap relationship with Hugh was more friendly, with in the beginning but then Hugh became jealous and didn't want to hang out with Cap as much. Cap was very warm to Hugh. When Zach was more forcing Hugh to agree with him. Zach was very sneaky and hush-hush. Zach was popular and then started hanging out at Hugh when he had no one to hang out with. For example, in the story "Cap sat next to me." Hugh said. "Zach and I started sitting next to each other." Hugh said in the text. They both were confused with girls and friendships. Since Cap liked Sophie but didn't know how to hang out with her without her yelling at him. But Zach didn't get Naomi like Cap didn't get Sophie. In the end they didn't get girls, but they at least were friends with girls.

To sum up, Zach and Cap in the story showed they might not get along but they sure are the opposites of each other. Their character is very different since Cap is not as much familiar to the real world like Zach is. But Cap and Zach do have a lot in common, even if it's sometimes hard to see. But they especially have a lot of differences. Who knows maybe in the future Cap and Zach might be friends.