**Short Story Comparison Essay**

**ENG 3U - Mr. Rautiainen**

Read The Watchers by Florence Engel Randall and The Lottery by Shirley Jackson and prepare a comparison essay based on a topic of your choosing. Possibilities include:

\* Societys tendency to alienate people

\* The role of perspective in creating suspense

\* The role of sexism in thrillers

\* The importance of irony in thrillers

\* The impact of violence on society

\* Control, censorship, and fear in society

\* The art and structure of language in creating atmosphere

\* The juxtaposition of regular settings with new societies

Additional research and information may be required to help complete the essay. Essays need to adhere to MLA guidelines and should be 3-4 pages in length (750-1000 words). Quotations and references are needed.

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|  | **Level 4** | **Level 3** | **Level 2** | **Level 1** |
| **Application****20** | Excellent interpretation of comparisons between stories is evident; excellent use of MLA format and style. | Strong interpretation of comparisons; minor errors in story comparisons and / or MLA format. | Some good interpretive skills are evident; some errors in MLA format.  | Weak interpretation of one or both stories and their comparisons; MLA format needs to be reviewed. |
| **Communication****30** | Information is presented efficiently, and it is free from error. It has been presented in the students own words. Analytical skills are thorough and well organized. | Student communication and analysis are strong but encounter minor errors. | Some effective communication and analysis, but stronger style, editing, and / or skills would improve results | Weaker communication and / or analytical skills. |
| **Knowledge****20** | Information that is presented is always relevant, and it is clearly linked to a persuasive comparison between both works. | Strong knowledge of stories and content, but occasionally off-task. | Some knowledge of stories, but points do not effectively support thesis. | Weaker knowledge of stories; poorly supported argument. |
| **Thinking****30** | Student has presented a thoughtful inquiry into the essay prompt. Facts and details are thoroughly defended and argued. | Student presents a good inquiry into the essay prompt. Facts and details are mostly well defended with some good examples. | Some clear thought into the essays prompt. Facts and details to support thesis could more effective. | Weaker support for a less developed inquiry into the essay prompt. |