Grade 7 ELA
Compare & Contrast Essay
Sherlock Holmes

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Block/Subject-by-Subject Organization
Sherlock Holmes Open Response Outline

Thesis Statement:

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Body Paragraph #1 – Subject 1: _____

    Claim #1: _____

    Evidence #1: _____

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    Claim #2: _____

    Evidence #2: _____

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    Claim #3: _____

    Evidence #3: _____

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Body Paragraph #2 – Subject 2: _____

    Claim #1: _____

    Evidence #1: _____

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    Claim #2: _____

    Evidence #2: _____

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    Claim #3: _____

    Evidence #3: _____

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Point-by-Point Organization
Sherlock Holmes Open Response Outline

Thesis Statement:

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Body Paragraph #1 – Claim #1: _____

    Evidence (subject #1) _____

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    Evidence (subject #2) _____

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Body Paragraph #2 – Claim #2: _____

    Evidence (subject #1) _____

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    Evidence (subject #2) _____

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Body Paragraph #3 – Claim #3: _____

    Evidence (subject #1) _____

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    Evidence (subject #2) _____

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Introduction Outline

1. Topic sentence with TAG – *Your topic sentence should include the Title, Author and Genre, and should give a broad overview of what the story is about. (1-2 sentences)*

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2. Background Information – *Your background information should give insight to the main character(s), setting and conflict. (2-3 sentences)*

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3. Introduction of essay topic – *You need to lead your audience into the essay's topic: a comparison and contrast of the characterization of Sherlock and Watson. (1-2 sentences)*

Example: In the story, Sherlock and Watson are characterized through their actions, thoughts, feelings and personalities.

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4. Thesis Statement – *The last item in your introduction should be your thesis statement (position) that you will be arguing throughout your essay. (1 sentence)*

Example: Both Sherlock and Watson are characterized similarly in that both characters are lonely, introverted, and use solving mysteries to keep busy in their lives.

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Conclusion Outline

1. Restate Thesis Statement – *You should directly restate your thesis statement to begin your conclusion. (1 sentence)*

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2. Give an explanation about how the similarities and differences of Sherlock and Watson add to the story's development – *Explain how these character traits add depth to the story. Think: How might the story be different if these character traits were not developed in this way? (3-5 sentences)*

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3. Explain which character you find to be more realistic – *This part is your opinion. Which character is developed in a way that makes him more "real"? (2-3 sentences)*

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