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**Comparison Essay: How do different memoirs/short stories remain unique, but also have many similarities?**

**Task:** As a class we have read and analyzed memoirs including *The Bike* by Gary Soto, *Socrates*, *Mama Sewing*, or *She Thinks I Don't Know*. You have also independently read and analyzed various short stories and/or memoirs. In a four paragraph essay you will be comparing (similar) and contrasting (different) at least 2 of the stories you have read.

**Essay Organization:**

Paragraph 1	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name both pieces of literature (title and author)</li><li>• Give general information about the plot of both stories</li><li>• End with a thesis statement that summarizes how they are similar and different</li></ul>
Paragraph 2	Body paragraph 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compare the two pieces of literature</li><li>• Use <b>textual evidence</b> from BOTH works to show how they are similar</li></ul>
Paragraph 3	Body paragraph 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contrast the two pieces of literature</li><li>• Use <b>textual evidence</b> from BOTH works to show how they are different</li></ul>
Paragraph 4	Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sum up/restate the main points from the essay</li><li>• Restate the thesis statement from the introduction paragraph</li></ul>

## Comparison Essay Graphic Organizer

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**Body paragraph 1:** Compare the stories. List one way the stories are similar. Find evidence from the text as support:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*Textual Evidence:*

*Explain how this shows they are similar:*

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**Body paragraph 2:** Contrast the stories. List one way the stories are different.

Find evidence from the text as support:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*Textual Evidence:*

*Explain how this shows they are different:*

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