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<u>Comparison Essay:</u> 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. For your essay, **you may only choose 1 of the memoirs that we read together as a class.**

Essay Organization:

Paragraph 1	Introduction	- Name both pieces of literature (title and author) - Give general information about the <u>plot</u> of both stories - End with a thesis statement that states how they are similar and different
Paragraph 2	Body paragraph 1	- Compare the two pieces of literature - Use **textual evidence** from BOTH works to show how they are similar
Paragraph 3	Body paragraph 2	- Contrast the two pieces of literature - Use **textual evidence** from BOTH works to show how they are different
Paragraph 4	Conclusion	- Answer the question: How do different memoirs/short stories remain unique, but also have many similarities? - Sum up/restate the main points from the essay - Restate the thesis statement from the introduction paragraph

<u>Comparison Essay Graphic Organizer</u>

Title #1: _____

by _____

Title #2: _____

by _____

<u>Body paragraph 1:</u> 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:

Textual Evidence:

Explain how this shows they are similar:

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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Explain how this shows they are different: