

## How to Write a Compare-and-contrast Literary Essay.

- Choose one text and think about its theme(s).
- Consider other texts that address one of these same themes, and select one.
- Think about how the two texts both address the same theme.
- How do the texts address the theme in a similar way?
- How do they address the theme differently?
- Move back and forth between universal themes and specific examples from each text.
- Choose a plan for your essay-write all about similarities, then differences, or see-saw back and forth.
- Search for the most compelling evidence that can support your claim.
- Write an introduction and a conclusion that spotlights your claim.
- Use transition words to connect your ideas.
- Use literary language.