

Compare  
&  
Contrast  
Essay





# Introduction Paragraph

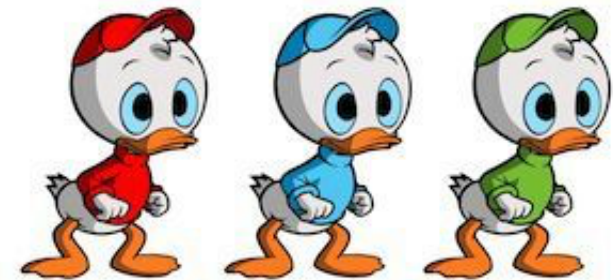
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- **General Statement:** The short stories “Young Goodman Brown” by Nathaniel Hawthorne and “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” by Washington Irving have a very similar plot.
- **2-3 Sentence Summary:** The story “Young Goodman Brown” is about a man named, Young Goodman Brown, who goes into the forest and then encounters a satanic ritual where his wife, Faith, is encouraged to join. He doesn’t know what happens but Young Goodman Brown becomes doubtful and wasn’t the same. The story “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” is about a character named, Ichabod Crane, who is a teacher in a small village and also finds himself in a forest. When he comes back from a party and goes through the forest, peculiar things happen, such as a headless horseman chasing him and a pumpkin that is thrown at him which then hits him.
- **Thesis/ 3 reasons:** Although these two stories are different, they are also very similar due to setting, characters, and theme.

# Body Paragraph 1 (Similarities)

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- Transition sentence
- 1<sup>st</sup> similarity
- Evidence
- 2<sup>nd</sup> similarity
- Evidence
- 3<sup>rd</sup> similarity
- Evidence



# Body Paragraph 2 (Differences)

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- Transition sentence
- 1<sup>st</sup> difference
- Evidence
- 2<sup>nd</sup> difference
- Evidence
- 3<sup>rd</sup> difference
- Evidence



# Conclusion



- Restate thesis/ 3 Reasons: In a different way!

Although the two short stories differ in many areas, they mirror each other in terms of characters, setting, and theme. Both protagonists seemed to be tricked by the people around them in a spooky and unknown forest. The theme of superstition can also be seen throughout both plots.

- "So What" Point

Hawthorne and Irving's stories remain popular today due to their exposure of human nature and the sad truth that everyone has some evil within them.

# Pay Attention to Detail

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- DON'T TALK ABOUT THE ESSAY WITHIN THE ESSAY

“As discussed in this essay...”

- Never start a sentence with BUT

or AND

- No 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> pronouns (I, we, you)

- Proofreading WILL COUNT AS A SEPARATE GRADE THIS TIME

