

VCE ENGLISH COMPARATIVE ESSAY TABLE

CENTRAL CHARACTER STUDY

COMPARE & CONTRAST		
	<i>First character (1st text)</i>	<i>Second character (2nd text)</i>
Character basics		
Deeper identity: What is the character like? What motivates them?		
Character flaws: What causes the character to fail, face hardship, or be challenged?		
Character strengths: What are the particular skills or strengths of the character?		

Character change: What changes the character & why?		
Inner challenges: What inner obstacles does the character face?		
Character relationships: Who is important to this character & why?		
Character happiness and freedom: When is the character happy and free (if at all)?		
Character message: What does the character tell us about life or the world?		

WORLD OF TEXTS

COMPARE & CONTRAST		
	<i>Insert first text here</i>	<i>Insert second text here</i>
How is the setting introduced?		
What is the world of the text and setting like, in a physical and symbolic sense?		
How is society structured in this world?		
What literary or film techniques does the author use to create the world? What sort of impact does this have?		
What is the mood/atmosphere of the world of the text? How does the author create this mood/atmosphere?		

How do the central characters fit into their society?		
Is there a special place/refuge/sanctuary for the central characters? Explain		
Who is in control of the world? How does this control manifest?		
Is there a special setting for the climax? What is this setting? What is the significance of this setting? How does this setting impact the reader?		

FORM & CONSTRUCTION OF TEXT

COMPARE & CONTRAST	<i>First text</i> <i>Provide an example and effect</i>	<i>Second text</i> <i>Provide example and effect</i>
Background and historical context		
Foreshadowing and use of portents		
Use of framing device		
Use of motifs		
Use of innovation in language, including breaking with conventions		

Use of atmospheric conditions, setting.		
Focus on key moment of choice (e.g. crisis, climax, formative moment, dilemma)		
Your choice		
Your choice		
Your choice		