

Comparative Theme Essay Review

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Understanding Themes in Literature

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about writing a comparative theme essay.

1. What was challenging about comparing themes across two novels? Provide an example.

2. What is one purpose of peer review in writing?

- A. To criticize others' work
- B. To help writers improve their essays
- C. To write essays for others

3. Using quotes from the novels is not necessary when writing a comparative theme essay.

- True False

4. The verse Proverbs 27:17 teaches us that ____ sharpens iron, which relates to peer review.

5. How do different authors explore similar themes? Give an example from the novels you studied.

6. What makes a theme universal?

- A. It is only found in one book
- B. It resonates with many people across different cultures
- C. It is difficult to understand

7. A comparative theme essay should focus only on one novel.

- True False

8. In a comparative essay, it's important to provide ____ evidence to support your analysis.

9. Why is it important to revise your writing after receiving peer feedback?

10. Which of the following is a key element of a comparative theme essay?

- A. Only describing one book
- B. Analyzing similarities and differences between themes
- C. Using minimal evidence

Answer Key

1. One challenge was finding quotes that support both themes. For example, in two novels, the themes of friendship and sacrifice might be expressed differently. 2. To help writers improve their essays 3. False 4. iron 5. Different authors might explore the theme of courage by placing their characters in unique situations, like a battle in one novel and a personal struggle in another. 6. It resonates

with many people across different cultures 7. False 8. textual 9. Revising helps me see different perspectives and improve my arguments. It can make my essay clearer and more convincing. 10. Analyzing similarities and differences between themes