Comparative Essay Rubric

Content   **2   4   6   8   10**
- Writing clearly defines the literary element of choice and accurately identifies where the literary element can be identified in each story
- Writing clearly and accurately explains how the respective authors of each work use the literary element
- Writing displays an in-depth analysis of the literary works
- Writing conveys an in-depth analysis through the use of specific/detailed evidence to support the writer's main ideas
- Writing displays the use of a concession in order to strengthen the writer's argument

Structure/Organization   **1   2   3   4   5**
- Clear introduction, body, and conclusion
- Logical and coherent sequence of ideas
- One main idea per paragraph with development (supporting information)
- Effective use of transitions, creating fluidity of ideas throughout
- Writing maintains a clear intent and direction relative to validating the thesis

Grammar/Conventions   **1   2   3   4   5**
- Spelling, Punctuation, Capitalization
- Word choice and usage
- Sentence structure and variety
- Avoidance of the use of contractions, 1st & 2nd person, and past tense (when referring to the action in the literature)

Attention to Directions   **1   2   3   4   5**
- Essay is between 4 and 5 paragraphs in length
- Essay is typed, double spaced, has 1-inch margins, and is in Times New Roman (12 pt.) font
- Includes the titles and authors of both short story selections
- Focus is on one literary element and two short stories, chosen from the lists provided
- Focus of the writing is a comparison and contrast of the short story selections

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MATH RUBRIC

4 pts   Overall method (represent the three odd integers algebraically, use the fact that they sum to 81 to solve for one of them.

2 pts   Accurate representation of three consecutive odd integers (x, x+2, x+4)

1 pt   Translate "sum to 81" into an accurate equation using those representations

2 pts   Use algebra to solve this equation

1 pt   Use that solution to answer the original question (translating FROM x, x+2, x+4)