

Task: Write a comparative and contrast essay on 2 books

Topic: “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson compared to “The Rocking-Horse Winner” by D.H.

Lawrence

Type: Comparative and contrast essay

Length: 3-4 pages

Formatting: APA

Requirements:

Choose 2 of the following short stories to compare and contrast in your essay:

- “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson
- “The Rocking-Horse Winner” by D.H. Lawrence

Also, make at least 1 of these elements of fiction the focus of your essay:

- Conflict/Plot/Structure
- Characterization
- Point of View

Outline

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Thesis statement

Fiction stories are usually invented by their authors to try and express something to the other members of the society. In most cases, authors want to express their views about several aspects of the society through writings. To achieve this, they have to come up with stories revealing the features they wanted to express.

Outline of the comparison and contrast between "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson and "The Rocking-Horse Winner" by D.H. Lawrence

Introduction

"The Lottery" was written by Shirley Jackson 1948 June and published the same month.

It categorized to be one of the best short stories in the American literature today. The book talks about a small town in American which annually conducted an activity known as "the lottery". "The Rocking-Horse, on the other hand, was written by D.H. Lawrence and was published in 1926. This story discusses the life of a woman who did not have luck despite looking successful from outside view.

Body

In "The Lottery" Shirley Jackson talks about the evils of blindly following a religion. He tries to show the society that they should know the importance of tradition before conducting it. On the

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other hand in "The Rocking-Horse" D.H. Lawrence talks about people's inability to be satisfied in life. This can be seen by a woman in the story being unable to be satisfied with anything despite people viewing her as being very lucky as she had married a handsome man and was doing well as an artist.

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Conclusion

These short stories are trying to show several things that affect the society. Analysis of these stories is likely to reveal various solutions that can be used to end many problems affecting people. Despite the different settings and themes of the two stories, have many similarities that make them ideal for people to read.

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Comment [16]: You just won't tell us which solutions exactly, right?

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Comment [17]: Based on your "outline," I feel like never reading them at all.

References

Jackson, S. (2008). *The lottery*. Mankato, MN: Creative Education.

Lawrence, D. H. (2007). *The rocking-horse winner*. New York: Associated Educational Services Corporation.

Overall Impression:

In physics (I guess), there exists a term: “absolute zero.” I am pretty sure that college teachers, tutors, and other poor folks who have to deal with student writing should use this term to describe the stunningly low quality of some essays. I solemnly proclaim this essay to be “the absolute zero” of academic writing.