

## Possible Leads for Compare and Contrast Essays :

- Both (first title) and (second title) are stories about...

Ex:

Both "Those Shoes" and "Stray" are stories about longing and learning to accept.

- Both (first title) and (second title) teach readers that... In (the first text) and in (the second text)... Although both stories teach readers... they do so very differently because in one... whereas in the other...

- Both stories, <sup>or</sup> (first title) and (second title), deal with the theme of ... but while (first text)

suggests that... (second text) suggests that...

Ex:

Both "Charlotte's Web" and "Because of Winn Dixie" teach readers that it's not always the big and important people who make the biggest difference. In "Charlotte's Web," a little spider turns the barnyard into a community, and in "Because of Winn Dixie," a stray dog does the same for a town. Although both stories show the amazing influence that one character can have, in one book, the character gives her life to this cause, and in the other, the character lives happily ever after because of this.

- The characters in (first title) and (second title) are both... and both learn to...

Ex:

The characters Opal from "Because of Winn Dixie" and Doris from "Stray" are both lonely and both learn to open their hearts to a new friend.