


# Compare and Contrast Story Structure

**DIRECTIONS:** You have read two stories. Think about the structure of each one. How does the way that each story is structured contribute to its meaning and style? Answer the questions using details from the stories.

TITLE OF STORY #1

TITLE OF STORY #2

1. Compare and contrast the beginning of the story. Does it begin with a character? A setting? An inciting incident? What kind of story (milieu, character, event or idea) is it? How does the beginning communicate what kind of story it is?

STORY #1	WHAT IS THE SAME?	STORY #2
		

2. Compare and contrast the inciting incident. Where does it first appear? How does it set things into motion? How is it related to the story's structure?

STORY #1	WHAT IS THE SAME?	STORY #2

3. Compare and contrast the story's climax. How close does it occur to the end of the story? How is it related to the story's structure?

STORY #1	WHAT IS THE SAME?	STORY #2

4. Compare and contrast the story's resolution. How is it related to the story's structure?

STORY #1	WHAT IS THE SAME?	STORY #2

5. Briefly compare and contrast the writer's style. How does the structure of each story contribute to that style? How do the writer's styles differ? How does what each writer seeks to accomplish with the story related to the structure?

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