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Writing about Similarities



In Character

Filmmakers are often inspired by popular books, and in recent years many popular young adult dystopian novels have been made into feature films. While there are definitely differences in technique due to the limitations of each medium, there are similarities in how both film directors and novelists go about creating character. In this exercise you will see if you can identify some similarities.

DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned passage from one of the following novels:

- The Hunger Games
- Divergent
- The Uglies
- Chaos Walking
- The Giver

Then use a computer to locate trailers for the film adaptation of the book that you chose. If there are multiple trailers, watch several. Choose one character to analyze.

1. Identify three physical or personality traits about the character.
2. How does the novelist reveal these traits?
3. How does the filmmaker reveal these traits?
4. Use a computer to type a short essay about how the videos are similar. Write at least one typed, double-spaced page.