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Compare/contrast essay practice

Think of two characters from fiction that you have strong feelings about. Make sure these characters are in the same kinds of stories. Then, write an essay comparing and contrasting these characters. How are they similar, and how are they different? **Your essay needs to be between 450-550 words.**

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Of course, the two series differ greatly from one another. While the *Selection* books take place in the palace, *The Hunger Games* books are **largely** set in a virtual environment. The *Selection* series features no deaths or murders, in contrast to the numerous deaths of the *Hunger Games* series.

The main characters in the series are much more similar than readers may realize, despite the fact that they are in two totally different genres and have different plots. First of all, the main characters in *The Selection* and *The Hunger Games*, America Singer and Katniss Everdeen, are both teenage girls who are sixteen years old. They each have a little sister who they love with all their heart. In addition, they are both chosen in the series to participate in the games the upper class holds. America was elected to attend the selection where girls compete for the prince, or some could say the crown, while Katniss was elected to attend the **Hunger Games** where people fight to survive. Additionally, when it comes to their loved ones, Katniss and America share a tremendous amount of passion. While Katniss volunteers to take her younger sister's place when she **is** elected to go to the *Hunger Games*, America relates everything to her sister when chatting with the prince. Additionally, throughout the two series, Katniss and America serve as representations of strong, independent women who risk their lives to defend the rights of others. For instance, America confronts the king to eliminate the classes and make everyone equal, whereas Katniss challenges the Capitol to create an exemption for the *Hunger Games*.

Moreover, there are many similarities between the series' settings and themes. In the two series, society is **both** class-based where the upper class holds all political and social power. Both series take place in the future after America is gone and both of the stories take place in nowadays North America. Last but not least, the themes of the two series are both coming of age and overcoming both external and internal conflicts.

In conclusion, there are more similarities between *The Selection* and *The Hunger Games* series than differences. Since one of the stories is sci-fi and the other is a romance, the two series naturally differ from one another. However, the two protagonists in the stories are identical in terms of gender, personality, and actions. As a result, Katniss and America are identical individuals who **happen to be** found in different stories and dealing with different situations. The series also shares the same settings, backgrounds, and themes. Therefore, because the theme, characters, and settings of the stories match so well together, *The Hunger Games* series and *The Selection* series have more similarities than differences.

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