

English Composition 9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Miss Brooks  
Compare and Contrast Essay Assignment Details

**Objective:**

Students will draw comparisons and contrasts between the main characters, Montresor, of “The Cask of Amontillado,” and Zaroff, of “The Most Dangerous Game.” Each essay should be at least:

- 5 paragraphs
- Double Spaced
- Typed
- In Upper Right-hand corner have:
  - First and Last Name
  - Due Date
  - Assignment Title

**Students will Compare Characters (Zaroff and Montresor)**

How are their actions, attitudes and personality traits alike and different? Zaroff and Montresor use similar strategies to attract Rainsford and Fortunato. How does each man use a shared interest to lure and trap his “guest”?

**Students will Compare Suspense**

To build tension and excitement, writers often give just enough information to make the reader question “What will happen next?” This is called suspense. Compare and contrast Connell and Poe’s strategies for building suspense. First compare and contrast how they use setting and plot development. Which author is more effective at building suspense. **Support your evaluation with reasons and examples from the stories.**

**Students will compare Experiences**

Imagine that Fortunato and Rainsford could discuss their experiences. What would they say to each other? What differences and similarities would they describe?

**\*Due Dates:**

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** - Outline and First Draft for Peer Editing (50 points) Turn in for Teacher Editing.

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** - 2<sup>nd</sup> draft due for final revision (25 points)

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Final Draft Due (75 points) Turn in all work from stages of editing including outline, rough drafts, and peer editing information.

\* All assignments that are typed can be turned in through e-mail at [teachingb@gmail.com](mailto:teachingb@gmail.com)