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Batman: The Killing Joke: Comparison Essay

Directions: Now that you've read *The Killing Joke* and watched the movie, write an essay highlighting the key differences between the movie and graphic novel. The essay should be 2 pages in length.

Comparison Rubric	4 Exceeding Standard	3 Meeting Standard	2 Approaching Standard	Not Meeting Standard	Self Assessment Grade yourself!	Teacher Score
Introduction	The claim is clearly written. Essay uses questions and/or a personal story to hook the reader.	The claim is clearly written.	The claim is not clearly written.	The claim is missing.		
Compare	Essays includes 2 or more body paragraphs comparing the movie/novel with quotations cited corrected.	Essay includes 2 or more body paragraphs comparing the movie/novel.	Essay includes less than 2 body paragraphs comparing the movie/novel.	Essay includes no body paragraphs or paragraphs are unconnected to the prompt		
Contrast	Essays includes 1 or more body paragraphs contrasting the movie/novel with quotations cited corrected.	Essay includes 1 or more body paragraphs contrasting the movie/novel.	Essay includes less than 2 body paragraphs contrasting the movie/novel.	Essay includes no body paragraphs or paragraphs are unconnected to the prompt		
Conclusion	Summarizes all reasons given, restates the claim, and has a call to action.	Summarize all reasons given, restates the claim.	Conclusion restates the claim.	Conclusion fails to restate the claim.		
Structure	N/A	All paragraphs are at least 4 or more sentences long.	One or more paragraphs are less than 4 sentences long.	Essay is not written in paragraph form.		
Spelling and Grammar	The essay has correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Less than 3 mistakes.	There are a few spelling, grammatical or punctuation errors, which slow the reader down and make it difficult to understand. 4-6 errors.	There are several spelling, grammatical or punctuation errors in the essay, which makes reading and understanding it challenging. 7-9 errors.	Essay has many spelling, grammar and punctuation errors, which make reading impossible/very frustrating. 9 or more errors.		

