

Structuring the 70 mark essay



Comparative Study

Introduction

- ❖ Name the texts and the authors.
- ❖ Clearly state the theme you have studied.
- ❖ Clearly state the three subheadings within this theme that you will use to answer the question.

Paragraph One

- ❖ Discuss the first text under the first subheading.
- ❖ Use a key moment or moments to support your point.
- ❖ Include relevant quotation

Paragraph Two

- ❖ Discuss the second text under the same subheading.
- ❖ Begin with a general statement about this subheading in which you outline the main differences/similarities.
- ❖ ‘The characters in both HBN and TPATS struggle to break free from...’
- ❖ Qualify / refine this statement by saying to what extent this is true in each of the texts. ‘Character X, however, finds this far more difficult than Characters Y and Z’
- ❖ Compare and contrast with the points you made in the first paragraph.
- ❖ Use key moments and quotations to support your point.

Paragraph Three

- ❖ Discuss the third text under the same subheading.
- ❖ Begin with a general statement in which you outline the main similarities/differences between all three texts.
- ❖ Use key moment/s and quotation to support your point.
- ❖ End this last paragraph with a statement which once again links all three texts under the subheading.

Overview

- ❖ Your essay should be eleven paragraphs in length.
- ❖ Remember, some of the paragraphs may be quite long, but this is not a problem.
- ❖ Conclusion should refer back to the question and reflect on what you have learned through your study of the theme.

Structure

- ❖ Introduction - 1 paragraph
- ❖ Subheading one - Three paragraphs
- ❖ Subheading two - Three paragraphs
- ❖ Subheading three - Three paragraphs
- ❖ Conclusion - One paragraph

Structure of a Paragraph

¶ = At least 5-7 sentences

1. Topic Sentence
2. **F**acts
Reasons
Ideas or Insights
Evidence
Details or Data
3. Transition