***What’s Eating Gilbert Grape* and *Of Mice and Men***

Comparison Essay: Expository/Informative Writing

Comparison Essay Guided Notes- As you watch the film, please take notes on the following:

Similarities between Arnie and Lennie:

Similarities between Gilbert and George:

\*\*\*Things to consider: internal conflicts, external conflicts, character roles, interests, feelings, responsibilities, setting, relationships, etc.

**Compare and Contrast Assignment:**

Your assignment is to write a four body paragraph essay in MLA format discussing similarities between the film, *What’s Eating Gilbert Grape* and the novella *Of Mice and Men.*

**Introduction:**

* Hook
* Brief summary of the novella (include title and author and brief summary of the film (include title and director)
* Mention topic of essay – similarities
* Thesis: State what you will be proving in your body paragraphs.

**Body Paragraph 1 (Compare): Don’t forget to use comparison transitions.**

* Topic Sentence: Arnie and Lennie
* Similarity 1: Pick one similarity between the two characters (refer to your notes)
  + Evidence from work 1
  + Evidence from work 2
  + Analyze this similarity
* Similarity 2: Pick another similarity between the two characters (refer to notes)
  + Evidence from work 1
  + Evidence from work 2
  + Analyze this similarity
* Concluding Sentence

**Body Paragraph 2 (Compare): Don’t forget to use comparison transitions.**

* Topic Sentence: Gilbert and George
* Similarity 1: Pick one similarity between the two characters (refer to your notes)
  + Evidence from work 1
  + Evidence from work 2
  + Analyze this difference
* Similarity 2: Pick another similarity between the two characters (refer to notes)
  + Evidence from work 1
  + Evidence from work 2
  + Analyze this difference
* Concluding Sentence

**Conclusion:**

* Restate thesis
* Sum up main points from both works
* Universal idea