

Compare/Contrast Essay

Three pages, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt.

Works Cited page required (separate from the three pages)

Written in the third-person and in **MLA format**

Outline due via *shared Google Doc* by **Tuesday, Oct. 15**

Rough draft due via *shared Google Doc* by **Tuesday, Oct. 22**

Final due on paper *in class* **on Thursday, Oct. 31.**

Take two ideas from *Beowulf* and *Grendel* and compare/contrast them. You can choose from a variety of ideas, listed below or of your own accord (just check with me first):

- How Beowulf is portrayed in *Beowulf* and *Grendel*
- How Grendel is portrayed in *Beowulf* and *Grendel*
- How Grendel's Mother is portrayed in *Beowulf* and *Grendel*
- How the dragons are portrayed and what they represent in *Beowulf* and *Grendel*
- Themes/topics addressed in *Beowulf* and *Grendel*
- Compare/Contrast Grendel (as a character) from the beginning of his book to the end
- Compare/Contrast Beowulf to another hero in literature or film (such as Frodo Baggins or Superman)
- Compare/Contrast Grendel to other villains in literature or film (such as Anakin Skywalker or Harvey Two-Face)
- Compare/Contrast the Dragons (from *Beowulf* and *Grendel*) to Tolkien's Smaug
- Compare/Contrast Grendel's parentage to other monsters in literature or film (Voldemort, Frankenstein's monster)

You are required to provide quotes from both sources to support your arguments. Additional sources may be required depending on the topic you choose.