

Compare-Contrast essay

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The Outsiders

The novel and the movie of S.E. Hinton's "The Outsiders" are both wonderful representations of Ponyboy's adventures when he is a 14 year old boy in the mid-west during the 1960s. They were both engaging and, of course, had many similarities. However, there were also many differences with the characters, events, and dialogue. By analyzing the similarities and differences in these three categories, it will be evident that the book is superior to the movie.

First, the characters in the movie were basically the same characters in the book. There were the same seven "greasers" - Ponyboy, Sodapop, Darry, Dally, Two-Bit, Steve, and Johnny. Also, there were the same four "socs" - Bob, Randy, Cherry, and Marcia. All these characters had the same personalities that they had in the novel. However, there were many differences between the characters with their appearances. Dally, in the novel, has white blonde hair and pale blue eyes. However, in the movie, he has dark brown hair and brown eyes. Also, Two-Bit, in the novel, has rusty color hair with long sideburns. He is not portrayed like his description from the book; having brown hair and no sideburns. Being able to picture so clearly

how each ~~charter~~ ^{character} looked from the description in the novel, makes the novel better than the movie.

Second, just as there were similarities and differences with the characters, there were also commonalities and discrepancies with the events.