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## Compare and Contrast Essay Assignment Guide

**Objective:** For your assessment of the *Romeo and Juliet* Unit you will be writing a compare and contrast essay based on a character of choice from the play and from *West Side Story*. In doing so you will build your characterization, reasoning, and citation skills.

### Elements of the Essay:

- 5 paragraphs, typed and double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman Font
- MLA formatting (heading and citations)
- Min. 3 quotes from *Romeo and Juliet*
- Min. 1 quote from a secondary source
- Works Cited Page

### Grading:

- Please use the grading rubric on the next page
- You will be graded on your ability to compare and contrast your two chosen characters and your ability to prove your claims with textual evidence.

### Due Dates:

- Outline due on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Rough Draft due on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Writers Workshop notes/edits due on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Final Draft due on: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose from the following characters to compare and contrast  
(one from each column):**

Romeo and Juliet	West Side Story
Romeo	Tony
Juliet	Maria
Mercutio	Riff
Tybalt	Bernardo
Nurse	Anita
Friar Laurence	Doc