

The Black Cat: Outline for Compare-Contrast

Intro

Attention getter

Thesis: *(answers the question: did the movie or the written short story of "Black Cat" give a better idea that the narrator was insane?)*

Body

Paragraph #1

1st: choose a definition (part) of the insanity definition (can't tell right from wrong, doesn't understand consequences, premeditated/planned crime, doesn't understand/lacks morality, mentally ill, etc.)

2nd: make a general statement about that point in relation to **the written short story.**

3rd: Support /prove that statement with quotes from **the written short story.**

Include CITATIONS!

Body

Paragraph #2

1st: **SAME POINT AS PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH but now applied to the film.**

2nd: make a general statement about that point in relation to **the film.**

3rd: Support /prove that statement **about the film.**

Include CITATIONS!

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Body

Paragraph #3

1st: Compare what is similar (**short story** vs. **film**) based on your chosen point and supporting details/evidence.

2nd: Contrast **what is different** (**short story** vs. **film**) based on your chosen point and supporting details/evidence

3rd: Overall, explain what you can conclude based on the point you analyzed (**which one did it better/why**)

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Body Paragraphs 4-6: repeat steps outlined previously, choosing a DIFFERENT definition (part) of the insanity (can't tell right from wrong, doesn't understand consequences, premeditated/planned crime, doesn't understand/lacks morality, mentally ill, etc.)

Body

Paragraph #4

1st: choose a definition (part) of the insanity definition (can't tell right from wrong, doesn't understand consequences, premeditated/planned crime, doesn't understand/lacks morality, mentally ill, etc.)

2nd: make a general statement about that point in relation to **the written short story**.

3rd: Support /prove that statement with quotes from **the written short story**.

Include CITATIONS!

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Body

Paragraph #5

1st: SAME POINT AS PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH but now applied to the film.

2nd: make a general statement about that point in relation to **the film.**

3rd: Support /prove that statement **about the film.**
Include CITATIONS!

Body

Paragraph #6

1st: Compare what is **similar** (**short story** vs. **film**) based on your chosen point and supporting details/evidence.

2nd: Contrast **what is different** (**short story** vs. **film**) based on your chosen point and supporting details/evidence

3rd: Overall, explain what you can conclude based on the point you analyzed (**which one did it better/why**)

Conclusion

Sum up main **points** from your analyzing paragraphs.

Restate Thesis statement

OFFER opinion that makes the reader think further.