

Assignment: Comparing Style

Instructions: Use the graphic organizer below to compare the style of these two pieces of writing found in the ELA 11 course. You are not limited to the space provided.

1. "Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption" by Stephen King
2. *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline

Use your notes to fill in the spaces of the graphic organizer.

Elements of Style	#1	#2
Diction: Are most words single syllable or multi-syllable? What is the effect produced by this length?		
Diction: Do most of the words have a <i>hard</i> or a <i>smooth</i> sound? What effect does this sound pattern have on the mood and pace of the story?		
Diction: Do most of the words have a positive or a negative connotation? What effect does this connotation have on the tone of the story?		
Figurative Language: Give examples, and name the devices used. By using these devices, what effect is created?		
Sentence Structure: Are the sentences long and flowing, or short and choppy? What is the effect of the chosen sentence length?		

<p>Tone: What is the tone of the selection? How do you know? Pick out words. What influence does the author's attitude have on the reader's understanding of the events or theme?</p>		
<p>Mood: What is the mood of the selection? How do you know? Pick out words. What influence does the reader's emotional feeling have on the understanding of the events or theme?</p>		
<p>Voice/Persona: What role is the writing assuming in each selection? What is the voice or persona? Who is narrating? Describe the narrator.</p>		