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Period _____

Comparison/Contrast Essay - "The Most Dangerous Game"

Directions: You will be writing a five-paragraph essay comparing the original "Most Dangerous Game" story by Richard Connell to the David Selznick's 1939 film adaptation of the same story. Compare such things as characters involved, the ways the author and filmmaker create suspense (methods are different in movies from writing!), and smaller details left out or added into the story.

Paragraph #1 – Hook and Intro: grab the reader's attention and introduce your topic.

Use the point-by-point method

Intro: Introduce your essay, including a thesis statement (which we will create in class)

Paragraph One: Characters involved

- Describe characters in story
- Describe characters in movie, how they are different
- Explain why you feel the filmmaker made the changes

Paragraph Two: Details in the story

- Explain similarities of details
- Explain differences of details
- Explain why you feel the filmmaker made the changes

Paragraph Three: How the author creates suspense

- Explain how Connell creates suspense (think foreshadowing, negatively shaded words, setting, intimidatingly described characters, etc.)
- Explain how the filmmaker creates suspense (think images, music, foreshadowing, lighting, etc.)
- Explain why you feel the two should be necessarily different

Conclusion: Wrap up and summarize your ideas, rewording your thesis statement in the first sentence, writing down 2 sentences of summary, and providing a general explanation about why film adaptations generally always have differences. Then explain which you like best and why.