**ENG4U1 ISU Comparison Essay Tate/Kim**

**How do I develop a good thesis?**

1) Brainstorm! Refer to Venn diagram comparing different aspects of both novels or create another Venn diagram brainstorming new ideas.

2) Choose something specific about the novels that you can compare/contrast.

3) Create an argument that can be supported using multiple quotes from each ISU novel

Ask yourself: Can I find three subtopics to support this argument? Can I find multiple quotes from the texts to support each subtopic?

**What makes a good thesis?**

1) The thesis must include the author’s name and title of the book.

2) The thesis should be one to three sentences (no longer!)

3) It must be a **clear**, **specific** argument. Be specific to the text and to the topic, do not make general statements.

4) It must have three points supporting said argument (these points will be your three body paragraphs).

5) Your reader should not read your thesis statement and ask “So what?” because if your thesis is significant, then the “so what” question is answered in the thesis statement already.

**Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Your thesis MUST be approved by a teacher before you can start writing your essay\***

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