

Comparing and Contrasting Notes
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When you write a compare and contrast essay, you use only 3rd person:

3rd Person Pronoun Usage	
Pronouns to use:	He, his, him, she, her, hers, they, them, their, theirs, it, its
3 rd person refers to:	The one spoken about
Types of writing for which you would use 3 rd person:	Research papers, biographies, informational writing, compare and contrast essays
Rule for writing in 3 rd person:	<u>NEVER</u> refer to yourself or the person reading the paper. Writing in 3 rd person is a simple statement of facts .

- In a compare and contrast essay, you state your opinion as if it is fact, even though it might not be
- Possible items to compare and contrast in your essay:
 - Characters
 - Setting
 - Plot
 - Authors' styles
 - Mood
 - Conflict
 - Elements of fantasy/science fiction
- For each item compared and contrasted, you will have a minimum of one paragraph comparing and one paragraph contrasting the elements. For example, if you compare and contrast the characters of Will Stanton from *The Dark Is Rising* with Winnie from *Tuck Everlasting*, you will spend at least one paragraph (probably much more than just one) talking about ways in which the characters are similar and one paragraph (probably much more than just one) talking about ways in which the characters are different.