**“The Pin” & *Win Win***

**Character Comparison Essay**

Now that you have read “The Pin” and watched *Win Win*, you can write about them. Specifically, it’s time to write an essay that compares one main character from **each** story. Your essay should follow this general outline:

1. **Thesis Paragraph**: Name both works and the characters you will compare. Overall, are they alike or different in their personalities, their needs, and/or the way they solve their problems?
2. **Character #1**: Name and describe a character from “The Pin,” including his chief desire (“what he/she wants”). Be sure to use at least **one excerpt** from the short story that support your description.
3. **Character #2**: Name and describe a character from *Win Win*, including his chief desire (“what he/she wants”). Be sure to use at least **one specific example/event** from the film that supports your description.
4. **Comparison Paragraph**: How are these two characters alike? How are they different? Be sure to include **one *new* excerpt** from “The Pin” and **one *new* example/event** from *Win Win* that supports your comparison.
5. **Conclusion**: Name both works and both characters again. Restate how their personalities, desires, and/or solutions are alike or different.

You should write your essay in the **MLA style** (see the back of this sheet), including the proper format for your title page, the proper citations for excerpts, and double-spacing throughout the paper.

Good luck and have fun!

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**(Sample introduction):**

**The short story “The Pin” by Chris Crutcher and the film *Win, Win* share \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with similar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from “The Pin” and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from *Win, Win* are both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ looking for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. By the end of each story, both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are able to find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but only after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**A review of each character and their experiences will show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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