

Class 11 VCE English 2021: Unit 2, Outcome 1: Reading & Comparing: *The Crucible* and *Year of Wonders*: Assessment Outline

Your Task: Write a 900+ word essay that compares and contrasts the similarities and differences in themes, issues and ideas, and how these are presented through textual features.

Or: complete a Test that does the same things but in less words.

Essay: Make sure to put a word-count.

Test: word-count not necessary.

When: To be completed on Thursday, September 9.

You are to begin once you have completed your Parzival work for the morning. **Once you have emailed me telling me you have completed the work I will email you your own copy of the Test.**

This means you MUST have a working email address that I can send the test to.

You can have all day to work on it – **must be submitted by 5 p.m. at the LATEST.**

Submission: you may submit either a typed copy, or photos of a hand-written copy of the essay/test.

If hand-written: you will also need to send to school the physical copy on the final Drop-Off/Pick-Up (hopefully on the last day of term) or through another arrangement. **I need the hard-copy.**

Extension/Special Consideration: If you feel you have a good reason for **not** being ready to sit the SAC on Thursday, then you may email me to ask for special consideration to sit the SAC on a later date. However, this date **MUST** be sooner than later (i.e. in the first week of holidays). Leaving the SAC until next Term is **NOT** a good idea.

If you cannot finish the SAC on the Thursday, you may keep it and finish it over the following days/weeks – **however, if you have not officially asked for an extension, you will only receive a PASS and not a proper mark** (essentially you will fail the SAC, but can still Pass the Outcome by handing it in late).

In other words, to get a grade for the SAC, you must finish the SAC within one day, and if that day is not to be Thursday 9th, then it must be because Special Consideration has been granted.

Essay topics: You should have chosen your topic weeks ago. If you have not yet, the file can be found further down the website.

Make sure you write the essay topic **correctly** on the Test I give you/top of your essay.

What you may use:

Whatever resources you like, so long as:

- > you do not start writing the essay before the date of the SAC;
- > no one helps you on the day of the SAC;
- > all work is yours and solely yours.

If either of these conditions are not met, you will automatically fail the SAC.

Assessment Criteria

Please note: if you choose to do the Test you will be marked using the same criteria. Doing the Test should make it easier to attain a passing mark, but will make it harder to achieve an outstanding mark. Your mark for some criteria, including 'essay structure' will be lower, because you are relying on me for the structure.

1. **Comparison of ideas, issues & themes:** (similarities & differences)
2. **How authors convey meaning** (textual features)
3. **Use of textual evidence** (quotes and references to the text)
4. **Structure & conventions of comparative essay writing** (properly structured paragraphs; using the language of comparison; using formal essay-language)
5. **Clarity & fluency of writing** including accurate spelling and punctuation

Optional: *Please see other document "Assessment Criteria Breakdown" for more info on how to address each criteria.*

If you want more info, or if you want it presented in a different way – **why not read your Textbook!**

There is a whole chapter on how to write a Comparison Essay: [Chapter 10: Writing a Comparative Text Response](#)

For those who do not have their book with them, I have taken photos of some of the key parts and uploaded today.