**Comparative Essay**

**Objective:** Write a 5 paragraph essay comparing the protagonists in the short stories, ”A Day’s Wait” and “Stolen Day”.

**Directions:**

1. Complete skeletal outline identifying the thesis, main ideas, & supporting details for your essay
2. Write draft of essay following required structure; include at least 4-6 textual examples.
3. Revise draft for fluency and grammar

**Grading: (15 points)**

5 pts: Thesis and main ideas are supported and proven by examples and explanations

5 pts: Paragraphs are organized logically by different main ideas all related to thesis

5 pts: Language and grammar are grade appropriate and demonstrate fluency

**Skeletal Outline:**

**Introduction (paragraph 1)**

Plot Summary: In the stories, “A Day’s Wait” and “Stolen Day” the young protagonists each spend the time wondering about their health and the possibility of their death.

Thesis: Although both boys naively believe that they will die, they have very different reactions to their situations.

**Main Idea 1 (paragraph 2): Similarities**

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**Main Idea 2 (paragraph 3): First important difference**

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**Main Idea 3 (paragraph 4): Second important difference**

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