

Writing Assignment for *The Odyssey* & *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

Choose one character from *The Odyssey* & a similar character from *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (for example, Odysseus & Everett, or Penny & Penelope, or "Big Dan" & the Cyclops) Write the names of the characters below:

_____ and _____

For each situation below, write at least one well-developed paragraph that includes specific information.

1. You are buying the characters identical birthday gifts. What gift will you buy that they will both likely appreciate? In what information do you base your choice?
2. Both of the characters have asked you to help them select a vehicle, with the stipulation that they are identical. What local dealership will you recommend, and what type of vehicle (make and model) should they purchase and why?
3. You have decided to take the two characters to a local eating establishment, and cost is not a concern. Based on what you know about your two characters, where would they both enjoy eating? On what do you base your choice?
4. You wish to take both characters to a music concert they will both enjoy. Where will you go and on what information do you base your choice?
5. What local sporting event would both of your characters most enjoy and on what information do you base your choice?

Writing Situations Rubric

Category	4	3	2	1
Details	Makes a complete and detailed response	Makes a complete response to most of the ideas in the situation	Makes a response that includes some of the ideas in the situation	Response is not detailed nor complete
Analysis	Chooses a reasonable solution to all of the situation and is able to support the solutions with specific information	Chooses reasonable solutions to 3-4 of the situations and supports them with specific information	Chooses reasonable solutions to 1-2 of the situations and supports them with some information	Chooses inappropriate solutions to the situations or fails to support them with specific information
Grammatical Issues	No errors that distract from the content	1-4 errors	5-7 errors	8 or more errors that distract from the content