

High School Movies: The Writing Assignment

Due Date:

Option 1:

Compare and contrast your high school life to the high school life of **one of the characters** from *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

Pick at least three categories (social life, friends, parental relationships, personality, **etc.**) and compare the similarities and differences.

Your paper should follow the **point-by-point compare/contrast format**. It needs all the regular elements of an excellent essay: an attention grabber, a solid thesis, well-developed body paragraphs, and a clinching conclusion.

Be sure to be specific in your body paragraphs when doing your comparisons. Include precise details from the film and then the related facts from your own life.

Option 2:

What makes *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* a successful high school movie?

Pick at least three essential characteristics from the film. Discuss how these elements are important and make the movie great. Use specific examples from the movie to prove your thesis.

Your paper should be a minimum of 5 paragraphs long. It should contain the regular elements of an excellent essay: an attention grabber, a solid thesis, well-developed body paragraphs, a clinching conclusion.

Option 3:

Compile an annotated list of your personal top ten high school movies of all time.

Begin with a catchy introduction and thesis. You may focus on one particular genre or style (comedy, relationships, documentary, etc.) or you can include a variety in your list.

As you list each movie, write three or more detailed sentences (for each film) that explain why it made your list. Be specific; do not recap the whole movie. Provide what you believe are the highlights.

End your essay with a conclusion that restates your thesis and/or has a call to action.

Do not copy a list from the internet. I have read most of them, and it will be extremely easy to find plagiarism.