

I want you to complete these activities between Monday, October 14, and Tuesday, October 15.

Start both days with your ten-minute independent reading so you can add it to the log due by the end of the week. Then, work on this document.

Use your independent reading book for this chart - you've been reading it long enough!

■ A. Organizing Your Reactions to Characters

Select three characters from a book or story you have recently read. Then complete the chart below to help you analyze the characteristics of each one.

Name of Work _____	First Character _____	Second Character _____	Third Character _____
Character's Appearance			
Character's Thoughts			
Character's Words			
Character's Actions			
Reactions of Other Characters			

■ B. Writing a Character Analysis

Now choose one of the characters you analyzed, and write two paragraphs about him or her, incorporating ideas from your chart. Continue on another sheet of paper.

Disregard the comment about the textbook in this prompt - you can fill out the chart based on the info given.

■ A. Making a Comparison Frame

Read the two summaries of myths below. Then complete the comparison frame that follows them. If necessary, refer to the comparison frame on page 270 in your textbook.

- According to the Babylonian epic of Gilgamesh, the virtuous sage Utnapishtim was told by the god Ea in a dream that the gods were about to flood the whole earth. Utnapishtim obeyed instructions to build an ark and to take with him the seed of every living thing. After a week-long flood, Utnapishtim and his wife came to rest on Mount Nisser. The god Enlil, who intended all humanity to be destroyed, was displeased that they had survived. Ea told him that only evildoers should be punished for evil. Enlil then blessed Utnapishtim and his wife and gave them the secret of immortality.
- According to Ovid, in *Metamorphoses*, the god Jupiter punished evil humanity by sending a destructive flood that covered the whole earth. Deucalion and Pyrrha, a virtuous husband and wife, were the only ones to survive. When Jupiter saw that their raft had come to rest on Mount Parnassus, he stopped the rain. When they prayed for humanity to be restored, Deucalion and Pyrrha were told to throw their mother's bones over their heads. An oracle told them this meant stones—that is, Mother Earth's "bones." The stones turned into a new human race.

Comparison of Two Myths		
Element	_____ Myth	_____ Myth
Setting		
Characters		
Conflict		
Plot		
Theme		

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■ B. Focusing Your Thoughts

Use the information in your comparison frame to create a thesis statement for a two-paragraph comparison-contrast feature.

Do better than that example; it's such a weak persuasive statement lol! Why would the person you're addressing care?

■ A. Stating a Central Claim

Read the statements of purpose and audience below. For each pair, write a central claim that you believe will catch the attention of the stated audience. An example of a central claim has been done for you in the first item.

- 1.** Purpose: to persuade people to attend a fund-raiser for the humane society

Audience: students at your school

Example: Help the homeless dogs and cats in your neighborhood by attending the fund-raiser for the humane society.

- 2.** Purpose: to persuade businesses to advertise in the fund-raising brochure

Audience: area business owners

- 3.** Purpose: to persuade people to adopt a pet from the humane society

Audience: people who attend the fund-raiser

- 4.** Purpose: to persuade people to volunteer their time to take care of animals at the humane society

Audience: people who attend the fund-raiser
