**The “Making Connections” Paragraph (Synthesis) Jan. 23rd, 2015**

Prompts Include:

* Compare these two stories…
* What is the main difference between these two stories…
* Compare and Contrast…
* To what extent…
* Discuss the similarities…

**Formula:**

* Introduce first story…author, title, mini summary
* Introduce second story…author, title, mini summary
* Synthesis sentence…(answer the prompt)
* Thesis…
* Proof and Explanation STORY 1 (2-3 sentences)
* Proof and Explanation STORY 2 (2-3 sentences)
* Conclusion

**Example:**

Compare and Contrast Love and Hate in Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*.

Compare = similarities

Contrast = differences

**Planning**: how are love and hate the same?

* Both strong emotions/feelings (passion)
* Both drive characters to react irrationally
* Romeo and Juliet (love)
* Tybalt (hate)
* Capulets and Montague (hate)

How are love and hate different?

* Opposite emotions
* Love: happiness, joy, warm fuzzy feeling
* Hate: anger, frustration, bitterness

*Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare is one of the most famous plays in English literature. The characters in the play exhibit two of the most powerful emotions: love and hate. Both emotions share certain similarities and differences through various characters and plot development. The main similarity between love and hate is that they are both very powerful emotions that can cause characters to act irrationally. Romeo and Juliet fall in love with each other at first sight. They are so in love and passionate about each other that, despite their feuding families, they exchange wedding vows and plan to run away together.

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