

CHARACTER COMPARE AND CONTRAST

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I am comparing Greg and Rowley from the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney. I am comparing them by their appearance, personality, actions, motives and their friendship. Each topic will show how the characters are similar and different.

First, I am comparing Greg and Rowley based on their appearances. There are cartoon drawings throughout the books that show their appearances. One similarity they have is the clothes they wear. They almost always wear t-shirts and shorts. Another similarity is the worried looks they usually have on their faces. They get worried a lot especially when their parents get mad at them. One time at camp Greg and Rowley went fishing and threw the fish in the toilet and got in trouble by their parents. One difference in appearance that Rowley and Greg have is their body shapes. Greg is skinny and Rowley is more round. Another difference Greg and Rowley have is their amount of hair. Greg hardly has any hair, and Rowley has a normal amount of hair (more than Greg). Greg and Rowley's appearances are more similar than different because Rowley looks up to Greg and wants to be like him.

Next, I will compare Greg and Rowley based on their personalities. One similarity they have is that they don't have friends expect for each other. Their neighborhood has no other kids their age except Fregley (who acts completely weird). Another similarity is Greg and Rowley never learn from their mistakes. They continuously make bad choices, like accidentally vandalizing the school and terrorizing kindergarteners. One difference Rowley and Greg have is that Rowley is immature. Rowley rode baby rides when his family went to the boardwalk. A final difference in their personality is that Greg is a leader and Rowley is a follower. Rowley let his girlfriend make all of the decisions for him and Greg leads Rowley. Greg and Rowley's personalities are more similar than different because they hang out together and get along well.

Another way I will compare Greg and Rowley is by their actions. One similarity that Greg and Rowley have is that they love to play video games. Their favorite is called "Twisted Wizard". Another similarity that they have is that they go to each other's houses after school. They go to hang out and play video games. A difference that Greg and Rowley have is that Rowley is usually honest but Greg is not. Rowley told the vice principal that they vandalized the school and Greg got punished for lying to his parents. A second difference that they have is that Greg usually comes up with schemes and Rowley follows along. When they made a haunted house, Greg came up with the idea and Rowley went with it. Greg and Rowley's actions are more different than similar because even though they do many of the same things, the way they do them is different.

Now I will compare Greg and Rowley based on their motives or why they do what they do. One similarity Greg and Rowley have is they come up with schemes to make money. They made a lemonade stand and a haunted house to try and earn some money. Another similarity they have is that they try to get out of doing work. When their town has to clean up the park, they sneak out of the park and play in the river. One difference that Greg and Rowley have is that Greg comes up with schemes to be popular and (once again!) Rowley goes along with them. For example, Greg had the idea for Greg and Rowley to write comics for school. A second difference is when they come up with schemes usually Rowley gets away with things but Greg doesn't. Rowley probably goes along with so many schemes because he usually doesn't get into trouble like Greg. When they tried to act out a movie, Rowley had no punishment and Greg had to clean up the mess they made. Greg and Rowley have more similar motives than different motives because they come up with and agree to do lots of schemes no matter what the reason.

A last way I will compare Greg and Rowley is based on their friendship. A similarity that Rowley and Greg have is that they are best friends! They hang out with each other almost every day. Another similarity that they have is that they like doing the same things together. They like

playing video games, fooling around, and trying to make money. A difference that Rowley and Greg have is that Rowley had a girlfriend for a little while and Greg didn't. Rowley had a girlfriend named Abbey and would spend time with her and not Greg. A second difference that they have is Rowley includes Greg when no one else will. At school, Greg is near the find a friend station (which is a place you go at recess if you don't have anybody to play with), and Rowley is there to pick him up. Greg and Rowley are similar in their friendship because they are best friends and like doing the same things more than they have differences.

Overall, I think Greg and Rowley are more similar than different. I think this because they are good friends, and Rowley follows Greg's lead. Rowley looks up to Greg which keeps their friendship strong. When they agree and get along well, it helps when they are planning schemes.