Belle and Hermione Comparison Writing

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There are many similarities and differences between Hermione Granger from the *Harry Potter* series and Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*. In this essay, they will be compared by appearance, personality, actions/motives, and setting.

Some similarities for appearance are their hair color and books. Both of their hair color is brown, and they are often seen carrying books. Some differences are their clothes and hairstyle. Belle has a blue dress and a yellow dress, and wears her hair in a ponytail with a blue ribbon or up with a yellow ribbon. Hermione wears school robes, and wears her hair down, frizzy, and big.

Hermione and Belle are both independent/smart and helpful. They are independent/smart because they both want adventure, and can take care of themselves. They are helpful because they are both willing to help people. Belle helps the Beast learn manners and how to love. Hermione helps Harry when he has a problem by coming up with lots of solutions. For example, in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, Harry and Hermione go looking for horcruxes and Hermione brings books that could help. One way their personalities are different is that Hermione is very serious and Belle is not. Belle shows she is not serious because she throws a snowball at the Beast, while Hermione does not like to mess around. Also, Hermione is bossy because she has specific ways of doing things, while Belle is gentler and kinder.

Hermione and Belle do similar actions. They both love to read books because they both love adventure, stories, and learning. Belle and Hermione spend time at libraries, which shows they love to read. Similarly, they both love teaching because they love to help others. Belle taught Beast to read, and Hermione taught Harry and Ron spells. Some differences in their actions are that Hermione can do magic because she was born a witch, and Belle cannot do magic. And while they are both smart and like to learn and gather information, Belle taught herself, while Hermione goes to school at Hogwarts.

Setting is the time or place in which the story happens. One similarity between the settings is they both have a castle -- Hogwarts and Beast's castle. Also, both stories have lots of open spaces and towns. The Hogwarts grounds are very spacious with Hogsmeade just down the road. The movie *Beauty and the Beast* shows Belle in a town and Belle in a field. Another difference is Belle lives in France, because she uses a lot of French words and the town signs and character names are French. Hogwarts is in the U.K., specifically Scotland. Many of the students, like Hermione, have accents found in the U.K. Also, the seasons changing and dreary weather is what would be found in that part of the world.

In conclusion, there are lots of similarities and differences between Belle and Hermione when looking at appearance, personality, actions/motives, and setting.