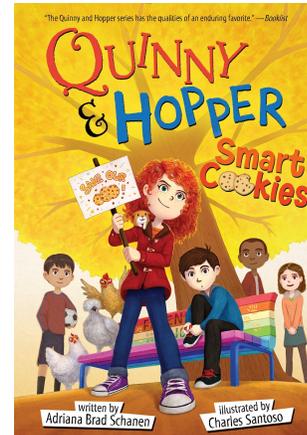


Looking at Merida from Brave & Quinny from Quinny & Hopper Smart Cookies

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This is a compare and contrast paper about Merida from the movie “Brave” and Quinny from the book “Quinny and Hopper Smart Cookies”. Taking a look at their appearance, personality, actions and motives, and their families, we will explore the similarities and differences of these characters. Although there are some differences, I found these characters were similar. Let’s take a look at Merida and Quinny.

First, looking at their appearances, both Merida and Quinny have red, curly hair with freckles and peach skin. They are both average height for their age. But Quinny is younger than Merida who is a teenager. Quinny wears a watermelon barrette a lot of the time while Merida doesn’t wear anything in her hair. Quinny wears a t-shirt and jeans whereas Merida wears a traditional Scottish dress, because the two characters come from different time periods, another way they are different.

Just like their appearances, there are many similarities and differences in their personalities. Their big, poofy, red curls match their character traits. For example, both Merida and Quinny are outgoing, brave, positive, strong-willed, straight-forward, and impatient. Merida was all of these things when she left home all by herself to perform a

special task to prove to her parents that she could do more than just sew, cook and do boring chores. And Quinny showed the same personality traits when she decided to try to convince the principal to bring back cookies and treats at parties. But their personalities are different because Quinny is more upbeat than Merida and she has less self-control. Quinny constantly burst out abruptly while Merida eases into what she wants to say.

Next, let's take a look at their actions and motives. Both girls try to change someone's opinion. Merida tries to change the opinions of her parents and everyone in her village from thinking that girls can't do the same things that boys can do. She wants to be allowed to do archery and play sports like all the boys her age. Quinny changes the opinion of Principal Ramsey from restricting treats in class to allowing them at parties. Although their actions are similar, their motives are different. Merida is trying to make changes so she can be less restricted and have fun unlike her mother, the Queen. Maybe in the future other girls will benefit as well. But Quinny just likes cookies and treats and thinks it makes school a happier place.

Finally, let's look at Merida and Quinny's families. Both girls are older than their little siblings that also have red, curly hair. In both stories the little siblings are pesky and get in the way. For example, Merida's three little brothers always make mealtime harder than it should be and Merida has to help take care of them. Cleo and Piper, Quinny's little sisters make a big commotion when the new chickens are let out of their cages for the first time and Quinny has to chase the chickens back into the coop. But their families are different because Merida is from royalty and is Scottish, whereas Quinny lives in the USA and is middle class. Quinny has only sisters and Merida has brothers.

By looking at the appearance, personality, actions and motives and family of both Merida from "Brave" and Quinny from "Quinny and Hopper Smart Cookies" I think the two character are more similar than different even though they are from different time periods. Tell me what you think - are they more similar or more different?

