

## Tigerclaw vs Leafpaw By Maggie I.

If you read the Warriors saga, you would know that Tigerclaw, later known as Tigerstar is evil and Leafpaw is good. So this assignment is really easy because Tigerclaw and Leafpaw are basically opposites. Anyway, if you haven't read the books, read on because this assignment will tell you all about these two characters.



Lets start with Leafpaw. To start, Leafpaw is a girl. Tigerclaw is not. Two, Leafpaw is alive. Tigerclaw is not (sorry about the spoiler if you haven't gotten to that part yet). Also, Leafpaw has a light coat, but Tigerclaw's pelt is dark. Leafpaw has bright amber eyes, though Tigerclaw has pale amber eyes. Already I'm starting to see some similarities. Although the differences, both are brown tabby cats with amber eyes.

Now, for their personalities. Lets start with Tigerclaw this time. Oh boy. Well for starters, Tigerclaw is a crazy, betraying, power-seeking, anti-kitty-pet, killer, psycho, blood-driven, evil, chaotic cat. And that's just to begin with! He is power-hungry and will do anything to get what he wants, and destroy anything and anyone that gets in his way. At least thats what he used to be like, but he's dead now. Leafpaw is much much different. She is caring and will do anything to make sure that her Clan is safe. She is also

very calm and caring to any cat that is not a threat to her or her Clan. See the differences? But they are also quite similar. They both will do anything to make sure that nothing gets in the way of what is important to them, even though Tigerclaw's reasons are evil. Also, both cats are hard working.

Both cats have a long important history. I'll begin with Leafpaw. When ThunderClan was fighting with WindClan, Leafpaw was too young to join the fight, so she stayed with Cinderpelt, the medicine cat, to help tend to the wounded. Leafpaw learned a lot of valuable skills, so she decided to be a medicine cat apprentice instead of a warrior apprentice. Many bad things happened to her, and many times she thought that StarClan had abandoned her. But although her doubts, she was always loyal to her Clan and pulled through the tough situations.

But Tigerclaw? Get ready for a long one, filled with evilness and pure hatred and jealousy. That's what Tigerclaw feeds on, and what powers him up. Originally, he was a ThunderClan warrior, and was loyal to the Clan. One day, RiverClan and ThunderClan were fighting over SunningRocks, and Tigerclaw was part of the fight. Redtail was the ThunderClan deputy, and he was fighting Oakheart, the RiverClan deputy. A pile of rocks fell on Oakheart and he died. Tigerclaw leaped in and killed Redtail because Tigerclaw wanted to be deputy, even though Redtail was in his own Clan. This wasn't even the worst part. Tigerclaw told the rest of ThunderClan, that Oakheart had killed Redtail, and Tigerclaw avenged Redtail's death by killing Oakheart. Ravenpaw, a ThunderClan apprentice, was at the fight, and new the truth of Tigerclaw, so Ravenpaw ended up running away to live with a loner because he thought that Tigerclaw was going to kill him.

Bluestar was the ThunderClan leader, and she made Lionheart deputy instead of Tigerclaw. Eventually, Lionheart died, and Tigerclaw was made deputy. But apparently, that wasn't enough for him. He tried to kill Bluestar so that he would be made leader, but Fireheart saved her many times. Tigerclaw got sent into exile once ThunderClan realized that Tigerclaw was evil.

Nightstar, the ShadowClan leader, died and Tigerclaw somehow became leader of ShadowClan. Tigerclaw tried to kill Fireheart many times after he became leader, but never succeeded. Tigerclaw got so mad that he couldn't kill Fireheart, that he brought up the leader of BloodClan, Scourge, and tried to bribe him into killing Fireheart, and driving out the other three Clans. Scourge ended up killing Tigerclaw with a wound so bad that it killed Tigerclaw all nine times, but BloodClan was still a threat to the forest so Fireheart killed Scourge and then all the forest cats lived happily ever after. Okay, maybe not happily ever after, but things went back to normal (before things went crazy again). So yeah. That's Tigerclaw's story.

Of course, this seems like both stories have nothing in common, but they sort of do. Leafpaw and Tigerclaw both persisted to get what they set out to do, and both at least sort of succeeded. Yes, Tigerclaw ended up dieing, but that's not really what I mean.

Leafpaw sought out to be a medicine cat because she cares for others and basically everything she does is to help other cats. She got trapped in the two-leg nest because she was trying to save ThunderClan warriors, and she kept crazy secrets from her father and sister because it could put them in danger. Tigerclaw, on the other hand, has interesting motives. The reason he does things is to get to the top. If that doesn't make sense, let me put it this way: Tigerclaw will do anything for power. He even killed his own Clanmate to be ThunderClan deputy. But both cat's motives mean the same thing: They will both keep going until they get what they need (in Tigerclaw's case, he will keep going until he gets what he wants).

For my last topic, I actually chose: enemies. That probably doesn't make sense, but oh well. I'll start with Leafpaw. Since she is a medicine cat, she doesn't have many enemies, because medicine cats sort of live beyond the warrior code. Let me start

listing her rivals: all cats of BloodClan, and that's basically it. Tigerclaw has a long list though: Fireheart, (now known as Firestar), Bluestar, every other cat in ThunderClan, Tallstar, every other cat in WindClan, many cats in RiverClan, and many others. I would keep going but it would take up too many pages. See the difference? Tigerclaw definitely has way more enemies, which could have changed, but he decided to be evil and have lots of cats hate him. Anyway, it seems like I can't compare these two cat's enemies, but I sort of can: their enemies are all a threat to one or the other. And they also don't have enemies in their own Clan. There. Comparing and contrasting two completely different cats. Done.