

Analyze & Interpret: A Tale of Two _____

This is a compare and contrast assignment. After review the mentor (example) text “A Tale of Two Little Leaguers” **you will create an essay similar in size and format over a situation you have experienced or witnessed where one person handled a situation well, while another person handled a similar situation poorly. Consider teachers, friends, parents, siblings, advisors, athletes, celebrities, employees, bosses, etc.**

What techniques make this an effective essay? Annotate your mentor text—look for these things. Annotate in order to figure out what he is doing so you know what to do on YOUR essay.

- Consider what he does in his intro.
- Think about how he uses anecdotes (little stories)
- What do the two people/situations have in common?
- What did person/group A do well compared with person/group B?
- Look at the order of the essay—think about what he talks about in what order (group/person A & group/person B).
- Look at the snarky/witty statements “short punches” at the end and in the middle of the text.