**DUE TUESDAY, MAY 10**

**YOU ARE GOING TO WRITE A FIVE PARAGRAPH (OR SIX IF YOU CHOOSE TO INCLUDE A SPECIAL INTRODUCTION) WHERE YOU COMPARE AND CONTRAST THE THEME-BIG IDEA OF *THE GIVING TREE* TO ANOTHER STORY-POEM-SONG THAT SHARES A SIMILAR THEME-MESSAGE**  
**You will:**

* **Introduce a topic and state an opinion on why this is an important issue**
* **Compare similarities and differences**
* **Use specific evidence from both tests to support your main ideas.**
* **Write a conclusion that summarizes your opinion**
* **Develop the topics with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations or other information and examples related to the topic**
* **Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (ex: for instance, in order to, in addition)**
* **Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinions presented**
* **YOU MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS FROM THE COMPARATIVE ESSAY THAT YOU ALREADY DID (BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT IN THIS ESSAY YOU WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS DIFFERENCES, TOO!**
* **FIRST PARAGRAPH (OPTIONAL) DISCUSSES YOUR THEME-BIG IDEA-MESSAGE THAT RELATES TO YOUR IDEAS IN BOTH TEXTS. YOU MAY WISH TO INCLUDE A BRAINYQUOTE OR QUOTE GARDEN THAT RELATES TO YOUR THEME.**
* **FIRST PARAGRAPH (REGULAR OR SECOND WITH SPECIAL INTRO): INTRODUCE BOTH STORIES-TEXTS DISCUSS HOW THEY ARE SIMILAR AND WHAT IMPORTANT THEME(S)-MESSAGE(S) THEY SHARE.**​
* **THIRD PARAGRAPH-TALK ABOUT SIMILARITES BETWEEN THE TWO TEXTS. PROVIDE SPECIFIC TEXT-BASED EVIDENCE. SHOW INSIGHT. THIS TEACHES ME THAT.**
* **FOURTH PARAGRAPH –DISCUSS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO TEXTS. INCLUDE EVIDENCE-AND INSIGHT.**
* **CONCLUSION. SUM UP WHAT BOTH STORIES TEACH US AND WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT. \*\*\*Include an important difference and re-state your opinion as to which text does a better job of DEALING WITH THE ISSUE-THEME-MESSAGE AND WHY.**

