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**Comparison / Contrast Essay – Shaping the Essay**

**Similarities and Differences**

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| **Elements to Consider** | ***Beowulf*** | ***Grende*l** |
| Characterization |  |  |
| Point of View |  |  |
| Philosophical / Moral Considerations – (such as fate and the various philosophies) |  |  |
| Settings / Environment |  |  |
| Symbolism -  Zodiac and Biblical ideas |  |  |

***As you begin to identify similarities/differences and/or items for shaping your essay, insert page numbers or line numbers next to your items you have selected.***

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Conclusion (Beginning ideas): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sample Essay – Introduction

John Gardner’s novel, entitled *Grendel,* presents a compelling interpretation of the classic epic poem, *Beowulf*. Both the epic poem and the novel illustrate the Anglo-Saxon traditions and customs of an evolving people.