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Title: Freedom Writer

A drama film, *Freedom Writers,* was directed by Richard LaGravenese. It was a story based on the text *The Freedom Writers Diary*. It was a story of a teacher, Erin Gruwell, and the students of Woodrow Wilson Classical High School. The teacher compelled students to learn and adapt to the change and accept each other despite their different ethnicities and race (Mukti et al.). The teacher has the main role in changing the lives of students though she has struggled very hard to attain this position. The notion of the film came from a documentary about Erin Gruwell.

# **Comparison and Contrast**

The character chosen for the comparison and contrast would be Erin Gruwell and Eva. Erin, was an English teacher in the school for at-risk students whereas, Eva, was a student. There was a time when the school, Woodrow Wilson High School was much-admired however, racial discrimination, racial tensions, and retaliation have impacted it very much. Erin devoted her life to improving communication among students (Sari). Whereas the character of Eva was different from Erin as she was a student. Eva was a character in the film who was a classmate of Sindy Ngor. She was a witness for an accident when Paco, another student, accidentally killed Sindy's boyfriend. Eva was the only eyewitness of this incident however, she failed to get the courage to testify this in front of a court. She struggled and worked very hard to improve her education with the help of her teacher, Erin (Mukti et al.).

Erin was not able to concentrate on her home because of her busy schedule at school. She has compromised her life for the betterment of her students. She has devoted all of her time to improve the behaviors of students by interacting and engaging them in teamwork. She has also organized a visit to the Museum of Tolerance for her students. She has finally succeeded in her attempts as many students were able to graduate that year (Sari). She has been able to generate understanding among students that retaliation among them because of race and ethnicity would not be a good thing. Erin has a major role in the improvement of Eva's beliefs and faith towards others. She was a dedicated student; however, racial tensions have been a problem for almost all of the students in the school. Due to the efforts of Erin, Eva was finally able to speak the truth that Paco killed Sindy's boyfriend. She was threatened and attacked however, she ultimately moved to her aunt for safety. Her teacher was an inspiration for her to remove barriers from her life (Mukti et al.). She has gone through a lot during this process however, she was quite changed now. She was able to accept people for who they were irrespective of their race, religion, and ethnicity. Her teacher was an inspiration for her to modify her thinking towards life and people.

Both of the characters in *Freedom Writers* were pessimistic. It was very hard for Erin to encourage students to accept each other. She has devoted her whole life to the promotion of education and equality among students. It was the reason that most of the students were able to pass their graduation that year (Sari). Eva was also a positive character of the film; she was able to work hard to compete with the peers of her age. She has finally improved her behavior and attitude towards people. Both of the characters have struggled very hard to achieve their aims, also, both of the characters have experienced almost similar difficulties such as racial tension and threats from the society (Mukti et al.). Learning and teaching are processes that should be promoted equally to all people. Another message from both of the characters has delivered was that people should not be judged based on their race, religion, and ethnicity.

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