

All essays should have original titles, so yes add a title, but please do not call it just Lolita.

Create a title that "previews" what you are saying in your comparison.

Your title does not need underlining or quotation marks because your title is not a previously published one, but if it contains something that needs underlining, that part of it should be italicized or underlined:

Ex. (please create your own!) When Movies Change Books

or *Lolita*: Three Versions

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(Example title) When Movies Change Books

(Attention grabbing quote)

"To me, 'Lolita' has no message, no purpose, other than to exist as a marvel of literary creation."

—Amy Tan, American novelist

(pretend first paragraph)

Think of writing an essay like preparing a big meal. You start by assembling the different ingredients. It doesn't just form all at once. Once you generate a good thesis--not too much info, not too little (remember Goldilocks and the Three Bears) but just the right amount--it is slightly like a title, but separate. Pretend thesis sentence goes here. It is inside your first paragraph.