

# Analyzing an Adaptation: Book vs. Movie

Authors and directors intentionally use elements to achieve specific effects for the audience. While authors use word choice, dialogue, and description to tell the story, directors manipulate sound, lighting, and camera angles to tell the story. Oftentimes, the performed version of a text affects the audience differently. After you read a book and watch the movie adaptation, use this organizer to keep track of the similarities and differences between the two works.

Book	Movie
Title: _____	Title: _____
<p><b>Author's Choices</b>  <i>How does the author use word choice, description, dialogue, etc., to create meaning and set the tone?</i></p>	<p><b>Director's Choices</b>  <i>How does the director use sound, lighting, camera angles, etc., to create the meaning and set the tone?</i></p>
<p><b>Similarities</b>  <i>How is the movie adaptation similar to the book?</i></p>	
<p><b>Differences</b>  <i>How is the movie adaptation different from the book?</i></p>	

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Now use your notes from the graphic organizer to answer the questions below.

**1. How does the overall experience of reading the book compare to watching the movie adaptation?**

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**2. How do the depictions of the characters and settings in the book compare to their depictions in the movie?**

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**3. What scenes from the book were omitted in the movie? Why do you think they were omitted?**

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**4. Which version had more of an emotional impact on you? What made it more impactful?**

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