Comparing Stories

“The Monkey’s Paw” “The Third Wish”

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| Main character | Mr. White |  |
| What does he want? | To find out whether the pas has magical powers. |  |
| First wish (and consequences) | He wishes for two hundred pounds. The wish causes Herbert’s death. |  |
| Second wish (and consequences) | He wishes Herbert alive again. The sound of knocking suggests that the wish has brought Herbert back, presumably in a decayed and mutilated state. |  |
| Third wish (and consequences) | It is implied that Mr. White wishes Herbert back in the grave. He and his wife are left to face a bleak future without their son. |  |
| Mood of the story | Ominous, eerie |  |
| How does the story end? | With the Whites staring at an empty road. |  |
| Lesson about life (Theme) | Be content with what you have, and don’t try to meddle with fate. |  |



Complete the chart after you’ve 'omplete the chart after you read the story on pp. 85-99 and then after you’ve read the story on pp. 101-109.

After you’ve read the two stories you will write a comparison-contrast essay. You can complete this chart as you read the stories to help you write your essay.