**ACEC Writing Practice**

In Guy de Maupassant’s short story, “The Necklace,” the main character undergoes a radical personal change as a result of her obsession with having a better life. She spends the majority of her days wishing she could live a life vastly different from the one she’s got. In the end, her fixation on having a better life results in disastrous consequences for her and her husband.

“Why This Controversial German Woman Turned Her Back On Money For 16 Years” is a non-fiction article that introduces readers to a woman who couldn’t be more different from Mme. Loisel. She chooses to give up money and experiences major realizations about life as a result.

Directions: Write a well-constructed paragraph analyzing whether or not money buys happiness. Refer to BOTH texts in your response, offering concrete support to justify your answer. Are both authors attempting to convey the same lesson? Why or why not? You may use details, quotes from the passages, or paraphrase things to support your essay.

Use the ACEC graphic organizer below to plan writing.

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| **ANSWER** the question correctly, using key words from the question, and in a complete sentence (Topic Sentence): |
| **CITE** using evidence from the passage to support the answer (short bits of quote or paraphrase): |
| **EXPAND, ELABORATE, EXPLAIN** how your citation supports your answer and reveals your understanding of the question (this should be the majority of your response): |
| **CONCLUSION SENTENCE** to wrap up the main idea of your constructed response (restate your topic sentence): |