Compare

The Time Machine

with

Back to the Future

Introduction

Try to introduce your essay in an interesting and original way. For example, you could begin with:

- a question about time travel to interest and involve your reader;
- an interesting quotation about H.G. Wells;
- some information about the history of time travel in literature and film.

Then:

- Give some background information about the two films such as when they were made, who starred in them, who directed them, and briefly what they are about.

Main Part

- Describe and analyse the opening sequences of both films and explain how each one tries to prepare the viewers for what will follow.

- Explain what happens to the two main time travellers (George and Marty) during the films and point out any similarities and differences between them and their adventures.

Conclusion

Explain what H.G.Wells was trying to tell the readers of his novel and comment on why his story is very different to 'Back to the Future'. Discuss your ideas and list your points below:

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You may also like to comment on which film you preferred and why.
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**Introduction**

'The Time Machine' was made in .......... and starred ........................................ as.................................................. . It is about .......................................................... .  

'Back to the Future' which starred ........................................ is also about ......  

.............. although it was made in ...........

**Main Part**

'The Time Machine' begins with ............... . In some ways this is similar to the opening of 'Back to the Future' as .................. . Both openings tell the viewer what to expect because.......................... . Another similarity between the two films is .......................... . However, a major difference is that .......... .

**Conclusion**

In his novel 'The Time Machine' H.G.Wells was trying to tell his readers that.......................... . His story was different to 'Back to the Future' because .......... .

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Out of the two films I preferred ........................................ because

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Information

• The original film of *The Time Machine* was made in 1960. It was directed by George Pal and starred Rod Taylor and Yvette Mimieux. It is considered a cult classic.

• H.G. Wells wrote the novel *The Time Machine* which was published in 1896. It was his first novel.

• *Back to the Future* was made in 1985, was directed by Robert Zemeckis and starred Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd. It is classed as a sci-fi fantasy comedy.

• *Back to the Future II* was made in 1989 and *Back to the Future III* in 1990.

• The time machine in *Back to the Future* was built in a DeLorean car.

• The remake of *The Time Machine* (2002) was directed by Simon Wells who is the great-grandson of H.G. Wells.

• The first story featuring time travel was written in 1881 and was called *The Clock that went Backward*. It was written by Edward Page Mitchell and was first published in the New York Sun newspaper.

• Another early story featuring time travel was *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court* (1888) by Mark Twain.

• H.G. Wells has been called ‘the father of science fiction’ and ‘the man who saw tomorrow’.

• Other science fiction novels by H.G. Wells include *The Invisible Man* (1897) and *The War of the Worlds* (1898).