**Assignment: Comparing Style**

**Instructions:** Use the graphic organizer below to compare the style of these two pieces of writing found in the ELA 11 course:

1. “Great Expectations” by Susan Musgrave

2. “Fathers, Sons, Sports” by Scott Russell Sanders

Use your notes to fill in the spaces of the graphic organizer.

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| Elements of Style | “Great Expectations” | “Fathers, Sons, Sports” |
| Diction: Are most words single syllable or multi-syllable? What is the effect produced by this length? |  |  |
| Diction: Do most of the words have a *hard* or a *smooth* sound? What effect does this sound pattern have on the mood and pace of the story? |  |  |
| Diction: Do most of the words have a positive or a negative connotation? What effect does this connotation have on the tone of the story? |  |  |
| Figurative Language: Give examples, and name the devices used. By using these devices, what effect is created? |  |  |
| Sentence Structure: Are the sentences long and flowing, or short and choppy? What is the effect of the chosen sentence length? |  |  |