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Fight Scene Comparison--Original vs. Parody

Directions: Compare the duel scene from *The Adventures of Robin Hood* with the duel between the Dread Pirate Roberts (Westley) and Inigo in the chart below. After you have completed the chart, discuss and answer (in writing) the question below with a partner.

	Robin Hood's Duel	Westley's Duel
What is the setting of the duel? Do any elements of the setting play a role in the duel, if so explain?		
What is the mood or tone of the duel? (You might include the lighting in your response).		
Briefly describe the dialogue between the fighters.		
Briefly describe the physical action.		
How is the action filmed? Are there a lot of close-ups of the fighters? What is the viewer's perspective of the fight? Do we see it from far away, up close, from above, below, or face on?		

How does Westley's battle subvert our expectations of a duel (what is surprising or different about it)?

A parody makes fun of a familiar style, usually by keeping the style constant while markedly debasing the subject. Explain how Westley's duel parodies Robin's. Do you think the filmmakers intended to simply make fun of the traditional film duel?