

Grading Rubric: Essay 2 (Comparison/Contrast)

An A paper would meet or exceed all of the following criteria. A B paper would meet or exceed >80% of these criteria. A C paper would meet/exceed >70% of these criteria... etc.

The essay and/or writer...

[Development]

- Uses detailed examples
- Offers a fair and well-balanced comparison
- Is concise and coherent; sentences aren't repetitive
- Has paragraphs with clear topics that are well treated within each paragraph/section
- Has language appropriate to an academic setting and audience

[Organization]

- Has an introduction and conclusion containing relevant information
- Organizes information sensibly, with no extraneous details
- Uses transitions well between points and paragraphs
- Includes an engaging introduction paragraph and a thorough conclusion paragraph

[Fulfillment of Assignment]

- Is at least 4 pages long
- Conforms to MLA formatting guidelines

[Citations]

- Has in-text MLA citations for two or more outside sources
- Has a Works Cited Page formatted correctly in MLA Style
- Includes useful, credible sources that add to the writer's points
- Shows the writer made use of all available resources to find the best possible information, not the easiest/simplest sources available

[Peer Review and Revision]

- Was complete and at least 4 pages
- Engaged with others' works in a constructive manner
- Took others' feedback into account when revising

[Mechanics]

- Is free of distracting errors in grammar and spelling
- Has varied sentences of different complexities