Compare Contrast Essay Assignment

DIRECTIONS: You have written three different compositions in three different modes (Description, Definition/Illustration, Compare/Contrast). For this composition, you will be allowed to choose the mode and the topic for this composition. **Your topic must be approved before you can begin to write.** You will complete a **Paper Topic Discussion** to submit your idea.

Essay should include the following:

Format

1. MLA heading and headers
2. Double-spaced
3. Times New Roman or Calibri style font
4. Size 12 font
5. 500-600 words in length

Title

1. Creative
2. Relevant to the topic

Introduction

1. Begin with an engaging hook line.
2. Provide some background on the two subjects. Include what they are and your own experience with them.
3. End the paragraph with a one sentence thesis statement that contrasts the two subjects and specifically states how the subjects are different.

Body

1. Organize your body paragraphs by either your subjects or your thesis points. (It really doesn't matter so long as you stick with one sort of organizational method.)
2. Each body paragraph should have a topic sentence that supports one part of the thesis statement.
3. Each body paragraph should include enough support (examples, anecdotes, etc.) to illustrate how your subjects contrast.
4. Each body paragraph should include transitional words to logically move from one point to another.

Conclusion

1. Summarize your essay.
2. State how your two subjects are similar.
3. End your essay with commentary on your topic (such as which subject you prefer) that closes your essay naturally.

Grammar/Mechanics/Usage

1. Use Standard English Grammar, spell your words correctly, and punctuate correctly.