

Compare and Contrast - Availability Ends

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○ ENGL-1301 2810 1 Composition & Rhetoric I

Compare and Contrast: Looking Deeper at Witnesses



A compare and contrast essay discusses the differences and similarities between two things.

The thesis of this essay does three things

- Declares a Winner
- Says Why
- Takes the other side into account.

There are three structures that can be used for this essay.

- One side at a time
- Point by Point
- Combo.

For both the thesis and the structure to be sound, the writer must brainstorm. It can't be basic and must seek to go beyond the obvious.

To help you remember: Lesson: Compare and Contrast

Assignment: The Adnan Syed case depends on two witnesses. Both are problematic for different reasons.

For this assignment, you will have a choice. BOTH will require research. Choose ONE of the two.

Choice 1: Compare and contrast the viability of Jay Wilds and Asia McClain as witnesses in this case. For this choice, go beyond the basics as in they both knew Adnan Syed and Hae Min Lee. I am looking for deep research and consideration of what the witness have said and the challenges they face being viable witnesses.

OR

Choice 2: Compare and contrast Jay Wilds statements made to police during interrogations and what he told the Intercept in 2014 in the THREE-part interview. Which should the audience believe is closer to the truth. For this prompt, I am looking not only for the research you have read to understand the different versions of the story but what you also research to **independently** verify the facts. That means other sources besides the primary Intercept interview and the Serial podcast.

Details:

- Each paper should have at least three to five sources
- This paper should be written in the third person (don't use I or tell if from your point of view, it's a formal paper)
- The thesis needs to be in the introduction paragraph.
- Papers without the thesis in the introduction paragraph will not receive a favorable grade.
- The length for both is 600 to 800 words written in MLA format (12-point font, Times New Roman, 1-inch margins, double-spaced)
- Papers not in MLA format will not receive a favorable.

Works Cited Page And In-Text Citations:

Write the sources for your paper on a separate page (use a page break)

List your sources like this. Notice where the commas and periods go. Each source will be listed like this:

Last name of author, First name of author. Name of the Article.
Name of the Publication, Date it was published.

Write the words Works Cited 12-point font, Times New Roman.
Center it.

Do not number the citations. The paper will also need in-text citations.

Here's some videos that will help you review the in-text citations and MLA works cited page

MLA Style: In-Text Citations (8th Ed., 2016)



MLA Style: List of Works Cited (8th Ed., 2016)



Due: Please see D2L

Don't forget: The sources you use for this paper can be listed in your research log.

How will I be graded: [Essay Rubric](#)



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