

Composition II Essay 4 Assignment - *The Expository Essay: Comparison-Contrast*

Description:

For Essay 4, you will apply the writing techniques you've been practicing all year to the composition of a comparison-contrast essay. You will build this essay step by step, with the help of specific discussions in class and one-on-one feedback from your teacher.

A comparison-contrast essay allows you to present one thing as being superior to another, to introduce an unknown idea by means of something known, to examine the less obvious points of similarity or difference between two things, or to demonstrate a change in something or someone over time.

Requirements:

- ✓ Correct heading, spacing, font, and title
- ✓ A thesis, cleverly composed and carefully responsive to the topic guidelines
- ✓ Clear purpose, with material that supports the thesis throughout the essay
- ✓ At least two similarities addressed
- ✓ At least two differences discussed
- ✓ Purposeful use of transitions, hooks, and connecting words to keep comparison and contrast points clear and to tie the material together
- ✓ Application of dynamic word choice and active sentences
- ✓ Effective introduction and satisfying conclusion that provide insight on the significance of your topic and position
- ✓ Incorporation of material from two outside sources, with one paraphrase and one direct quote, in MLA format
- ✓ Length of 700 - 1200 words

Due Dates:

Day 51 - Post a topic and working thesis statement.

Day 52 - Post a full thesis and outline.

Day 54 - Submit a rough draft by Friday, April 5, 2018.

Day 58 - Revise and edit to complete a final draft that reflects your best efforts.

The Final Draft is due on Friday, May 3, 2019.