

# Comparison Essay Rubric

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

## Content \_\_\_\_\_/80

### Introduction (15 points)

Does the paragraph begin with an analogy? (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Does the writer include short narrative overviews of each subject? (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a topic sentence that states the main idea of the essay? (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

### Body Paragraphs (50 points)

Do the four body paragraphs, and the information they present, clearly and strongly expand on the topic sentence found in the introduction? (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Does the first body paragraph identify a major similarity between the two subjects? Does it provide additional facts, examples, or details? (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Does the second body paragraph identify a second major similarity between the two subjects? Does it provide additional facts, examples, or details? Does it use a quote from the readings? (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Does the third body paragraph identify a major difference between the two subjects? Does it provide additional facts, examples, or details? (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Does the fourth body paragraph identify a second major difference between the two subjects? Does it provide additional facts, examples, or details? Does it use a quote from the readings? (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

### Epilogue (15 points)

Does the conclusion—the epilogue—clearly restate the topic using different words? (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Does it state something important that can be learned from the comparison? (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Does it state something that would be interesting to learn more about? (5 points) \_\_\_\_\_

## Style & Form \_\_\_\_\_/20

### Style (12 points)

Are the sentences varied? (4 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Do the paragraphs follow each other in a way that makes sense? In other words, do they flow together? (4 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Does the writer use strong and specific words (vocabulary)? (4 points) \_\_\_\_\_

### Form (8 points)

Number of spelling, punctuation, capitalization errors \_\_\_\_\_

2 or fewer per page: 4 points                      5–6 per page: 2 points

3–4 per page: 3 points                              More than 6 per page: 0 points

Number of sentence errors (run-ons or fragments) \_\_\_\_\_

1 or fewer per page: 2 points    2–3 per page: 1 point    More than 3 per page: 0 points

Is the handwriting neat and legible? Or, is the paper typed according to the teacher's requirements? Yes: 2 points No: 0 points \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_/100**