



Introduction to Comparison and Contrast Essays

Read the following introduction and answer the questions that follow:

This worksheet is designed to evaluate students' understanding of the basic structure and purpose of a comparison and contrast essay. It consists of multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, and an essay question that align with the learning objectives and incorporate principles of universal design for accessibility.

Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question:

1. What is the primary purpose of a comparison and contrast essay?
 - A. To persuade the reader
 - B. To analyze and evaluate the similarities and differences between two or more subjects
 - C. To narrate a story
 - D. To describe a process
2. Which of the following is a key element of a comparative analysis?
 - A. The use of rhetorical questions
 - B. The use of transition words and phrases
 - C. The use of allusions
 - D. The use of imagery
3. What is the purpose of using evidence in a comparison and contrast essay?
 - A. To persuade the reader
 - B. To analyze and evaluate the similarities and differences between two or more subjects
 - C. To support claims and make the essay more convincing
 - D. To describe a process
4. How do transition words and phrases contribute to the coherence of a comparison and contrast essay?
 - A. They help to persuade the reader
 - B. They help to analyze and evaluate the similarities and differences between two or more subjects
 - C. They help to connect ideas between paragraphs and make the essay more coherent
 - D. They help to describe a process
5. What is the importance of using clear and concise language in a comparison and contrast essay?
 - A. It helps to persuade the reader
 - B. It helps to analyze and evaluate the similarities and differences between two or more subjects
 - C. It helps to make the essay more convincing and easier to understand
 - D. It helps to describe a process

Short Answer Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. What is the purpose of using evidence in a comparison and contrast essay? Provide an example of how evidence can be used to support a claim.

2. How do transition words and phrases contribute to the coherence of a comparison and contrast essay? Provide an example of a transition word or phrase used to connect ideas between paragraphs.

3. What is the importance of using clear and concise language in a comparison and contrast essay? Provide an example of how clear and concise language can be used to make an essay more convincing and easier to understand.

Essay Question

Compare and contrast the themes of identity and belonging in two poems. How do the poets use language and imagery to explore these themes? Use evidence from the poems to support your analysis, and be sure to use transition words and phrases to connect your ideas between paragraphs.

Marking Guide

Use the following marking guide to assess your work:

- Multiple Choice Questions: 1 point for each correct answer, 0 points for each incorrect answer
- Short Answer Questions: 2 points for each question that demonstrates a clear understanding of the key elements of a comparative analysis, 1 point for each question that demonstrates a partial understanding, 0 points for each question that demonstrates little or no understanding
- Essay Question: Content (40 points), Conventions of writing (20 points), Style and tone (20 points)

Teaching Tips

Use the following teaching tips to guide your instruction:

- Provide clear and concise instructions on the structure and purpose of a comparison and contrast essay.
- Offer guided practice and feedback on the key elements of a comparative analysis.
- Encourage students to use evidence to support their claims and to organize their ideas in a clear and coherent manner.
- Provide opportunities for students to practice using transition words and phrases to connect ideas between paragraphs.
- Offer feedback and guidance on how to improve their writing skills, including grammar, mechanics, and style.

Bloom's Taxonomy Alignment

Use the following Bloom's Taxonomy alignment to guide your instruction:

- Remember: Recall the basic structure and purpose of a comparison and contrast essay
- Understand: Explain the key elements of a comparative analysis
- Apply: Use evidence to support claims and organize ideas in a clear and coherent manner
- Analyze: Evaluate the similarities and differences between two or more subjects
- Create: Write a comparison and contrast essay that demonstrates a clear understanding of the key elements of a comparative analysis

Multiple Intelligence Approaches

Use the following multiple intelligence approaches to guide your instruction:

- Linguistic intelligence: Use language and imagery to explore themes and ideas
- Logical-mathematical intelligence: Analyze and evaluate evidence to support claims
- Spatial intelligence: Organize ideas in a clear and coherent manner
- Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence: Use transition words and phrases to connect ideas between paragraphs
- Interpersonal intelligence: Recognize and apply effective tone and audience awareness

Clear Success Criteria

Use the following clear success criteria to guide your instruction:

- Demonstrates a clear understanding of the basic structure and purpose of a comparison and contrast essay
- Identifies and explains the key elements of a comparative analysis
- Organizes and expresses ideas in a clear and coherent manner
- Uses evidence to support claims and transition words and phrases to connect ideas between paragraphs
- Demonstrates effective tone and audience awareness

Evidence Collection Methods

Use the following evidence collection methods to guide your instruction:

- Multiple-choice questions that evaluate understanding of the basic structure and purpose of a comparison and contrast essay
- Short-answer questions that evaluate ability to identify and explain the key elements of a comparative analysis
- Essay question that evaluates ability to organize and express ideas in a clear and coherent manner

Feedback Opportunities

Use the following feedback opportunities to guide your instruction:

- Grammar and mechanics
- Organization and coherence
- Use of evidence to support claims
- Use of transition words and phrases
- Tone and audience awareness

Conclusion

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