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Introduction to Comparison and Contrast Essay Writing

Welcome to this homework sheet on comparison and contrast essay writing. In this activity, you will learn the basics of writing a comparison and contrast essay, including how to structure your essay, use transitional phrases, and analyze your subjects.

A comparison and contrast essay is a type of essay that explores the similarities and differences between two or more subjects. The purpose of this type of essay is to help you develop your critical thinking skills, analyze information, and express your thoughts clearly.

Read the following example of a comparison and contrast essay and answer the questions below:

Compare and contrast the characters of Romeo and Juliet in Shakespeare's play.

Romeo and Juliet are two of the most famous characters in literature. While they share some similarities, they also have many differences. One of the main similarities between the two characters is their passion and love for each other. However, they also have some significant differences, such as their families and backgrounds.

1. What is the main purpose of the essay?

2. How does the writer use transitional phrases to compare and contrast the subjects?

3. What are the main similarities and differences between the two subjects?

Choose two subjects that you are interested in comparing and contrasting. These could be historical events, literary characters, scientific theories, or any other relevant topics.

Brainstorm a list of similarities and differences between the two subjects.

Create an outline for your essay, including an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

Use the following outline template:

I. Introduction

- * Introduce the two subjects

- * Thesis statement

II. Body Paragraph 1

- * Similarity 1

- * Difference 1

III. Body Paragraph 2

- * Similarity 2

- * Difference 2

IV. Conclusion

- * Summarize main points

- * Reiterate thesis statement

Using your outline, write a draft of your comparison and contrast essay. Focus on clearly presenting the similarities and differences between the two subjects.

What are the main points you want to make in your essay?

How will you use transitional phrases to guide the reader through your essay?

Peer Review

Exchange your draft with a classmate and provide feedback on the following:

- * Structure and organization
- * Use of transitional phrases
- * Clarity and coherence

Success Criteria

To successfully complete this assignment, ensure your work meets the following criteria:

- * Clear thesis statement
- * Effective use of transitional phrases
- * Well-structured essay
- * Depth of analysis
- * Grammar and spelling

Additional Resources

Online tutorials on writing comparison and contrast essays

Library access for research purposes

Self-assessment guide using the success criteria

Conclusion

In this homework sheet, you have learned the basics of writing a comparison and contrast essay. You have practiced analyzing subjects, creating an outline, and writing a draft. Remember to use transitional phrases, provide a clear thesis statement, and organize your essay in a logical structure. Good luck with your assignment!

Please complete the following questions to assess your understanding of comparison and contrast essay writing:

1. What is the main purpose of a comparison and contrast essay?

2. How do you use transitional phrases in a comparison and contrast essay?

3. What are the main components of a comparison and contrast essay outline?

