

First Grade

Writing Assignment

Expository Compare and Contrast Writing Assignment

Pre-Assignment Writing:

The school website has the directions for administering this assignment, the specific expectations for the assignment, the scoring rubric, expository compare and contrast writing instruction, additional practice prompts, and an optional “mock” practice writing assignment to help prepare the student for this required assignment. To locate these resources, go to http://www.skymountaincs.org/handbook/Curriculum/writing_assignments.html, or talk to your ES.

Directions:

- In this writing assignment, you will hand write (no typing allowed) one compare and contrast paragraph with correct formatting that includes three compare and contrast sentences about the topic in response to the writing task below.
- After reading the task, take time to plan on a separate piece of paper using memorized graphic organizers, write your essay (double spaced), then proofread and edit.
- To begin gaining pacing experience, students are to complete all of this writing assignment in one continuous sitting.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you:

- write a statement sentence about the topic
- come up with five things about the two topics that are the same or different
- select your three best main ideas
- write three main ideas as complete compare or contrast sentences
- combine your sentences to write one paragraph with correct formatting

Writing Task:

A Compare and Contrast Paragraph

Fruits have things about them that are both similar and different from vegetables. Write a topic sentence about these two types of food, write a combination of three sentences that compare and contrast the two types of food, and write a concluding sentence about these two types of food.