

# Twelfth Grade

## School-Wide 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](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) a five or more paragraph compare and contrast essay 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

- include a statement sentence about the two topics
- include a combination of at least three main idea compare and contrast sentences about your two topics
- include at least two detail sentences in support of each main idea sentence
- organize your essay using an introduction paragraph, body paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph
- vary your sentences
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization

#### Writing Task:

#### A Compare and Contrast Essay

Learning to ride a bike has things about it that are the same and different as learning to drive a car. Write a compare and contrast essay about these two topics.