

First Grade

Practice Writing Assignment

Expository Compare and Contrast Practice Writing Assignment

Practice Pre-Assignment Writing:

The school website has the expository compare and contrast writing directions, rubrics, instruction, practice prompts, and web link resources for you to use to prepare for this optional practice writing 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

Farm animals have things about them that are both similar and different from zoo animals. Write a topic sentence about these two groups of animals, write a combination of three sentences that compare and contrast the two groups of animals, and write a concluding sentence about these two groups of animals.