

Twelfth 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) 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

Reading a book has things about it that are the same and different as watching a movie based on that same book. Write a compare and contrast essay about these two topics.