

Essay assignment: Write a compare-contrast essay about a new (for you) topic. Your essay should be about 500 words. If you choose *block style*, your essay should have at least 4 paragraphs. If you choose *point-by-point style*, your essay should have at least 5 paragraphs. Turn in your essay in paper form on Tuesday. Please use 14 font and double/triple-space.

Block VS Point-by-point COMPARE-CONTRAST essays (EXAMPLE OUTLINES BELOW)

POINT BY POINT STYLE

1. Intro
2. Rent
 - a. Ellensburg
 - b. Seattle
3. Transportation
 - a. Ellensburg
 - b. Seattle
4. Culture
 - a. Ellensburg
 - b. Seattle
5. Conclusion

BLOCK STYLE

1. Intro
2. Ellensburg
 - a. Rent
 - b. Transportation
 - c. Culture
3. Seattle
 - a. Rent
 - b. Transportation
 - c. Culture
4. Conclusion

ESSAY CHECKLIST

- Does it have a general hook and a specific thesis that clearly defines the topic of the essay?
- Does the topic of each body paragraph support the thesis?
- Does each body paragraph have a topic sentence that clearly defines the topic of the paragraph?
- Does the supporting information in each body paragraph support the topic sentence of that paragraph?
- Does the conclusion restate the main idea of the essay?
- It is ok to express your personal opinion in the conclusion. However, it is not acceptable to do this in the introduction or body of a compare-contrast essay. Did you check for this?
- Did you check each word for spelling, and did you check each sentence for capitalization and punctuation? Did you remember to indent your paragraphs?
- Is the title written correctly?

HOMEWORK

1. Study all grammar and reading from this quarter
2. Write your essay