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WRC 1013 Classes  
Essay 2 (Comparison and Contrast) Guidelines

After reading the assigned chapters from your text, listening to and participating in the classroom discussions, and (I hope) mastering the grammatical sections assigned from your textbooks, create an original comparison and contrast essay. Yes, I want you to compare and contrast a minimum of two (2) things. You must point out the similarities and differences.

First, choose a topic using brainstorming, either through ideas from the text (remember journals cannot be resubmitted essays nor vice versa), classroom discussions, or individual ideas.

Then, using free writing (any of the ones we have discussed this semester) and create the essay.

Remember to have equal development of the categories. Use your parallel sequencing chart to help you, and make sure that the categories do not overlap. Also, using parallel sequencing will help you decide if you should present the information in a chunking (item-by-item) format, or a sequencing (point-by-point) format. Neither method is better than the other.

	Item A	Item B
Point 1		
Point 2		
Point 3		

Or

	Point 1	Point 1
Item A		
Item B		
	Point 2	Point 2
Item A		
Item B		
	Point 3	Point 3
Item A		
Item B		
	Point 4	Point 4
Item A		
Item B		

You will be just fine. Ask if you need help.