

Compare and Contrast Essay Rubric

	4	3	2	1	Points
Purpose and Details	The essay compared and contrasted items clearly. The essay pointed to specific examples to illustrate the comparison. The essay included only the information relevant to the comparison.	The essay compared and contrasted items clearly, but the supporting information was general. The essay included only the information relevant to the comparison.	The essay compared and contrasted items clearly, but the supporting information was incomplete. The essay included information that was not relevant to the comparison.	The essay compared or contrasted, but did not include both. There was no supporting information or the support was incomplete.	
Organization and Structure	The essay included whole-to-whole information, similarities-to-differences, or point-by-point structure. It followed a consistent order for the comparison.	The essay included whole-to-whole information, similarities-to-differences, or point-by-point structure. It did not follow a consistent order for the comparison.	The essay included whole-to-whole information, similarities-to-differences, or point-by-point structure, but some information was incorrect. Some details were not in a logical order.	Many details were not in a logical order or did not make sense.	
Transitions	The essay moved smoothly from one idea to the next. The essay used comparison and contrast transition words to show relationships between ideas. The essay used a variety of sentence structures and transitions.	The essay moved from one idea to the next, but there was little variety. The essay used comparison and contrast transition words to show relationships between ideas.	Some transitions worked well, but connections between others ideas were incomplete.	The transitions between ideas were unclear or nonexistent.	
Grammar and Spelling	There were no errors in grammar or spelling that distracted the reader from the content.	There were 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distracted the reader from the content.	There were 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distracted the reader from the content.	There were more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distracted the reader from the content.	

Total Points ____/16

Average _____