

2012 Compare & Contrast Writing: Graphic Organizer, Grades 5-12

This graphic organizer shows the major expectations for the 5th - 12th grade writing assignment: Point-to-point compare and contrast organizational structure; at least five paragraphs to include 1 introduction paragraph (to include 1 hook sentence and 1 topic sentence), at least 3 body paragraphs, and 1 conclusion paragraph; at least 3 main idea category sentences about the two subjects; at least 2 detail sentences among the body paragraphs showing how the two subjects are similar for their respective categories and at least 2 detail sentences among the body paragraphs showing how the two subjects are different for their respective categories.

Refer to the Grades 5-12 Scoring Rubric for a complete listing of the assignment expectations.

Hook sentence to interest the reader.

Sentence that makes a statement about the two subjects being compared and contrasted (topic sentence).

Sentence that defines the three main ideas (orange, green, brown) of your body paragraphs, or one transition sentence.

WHO
WHAT
WHERE
WHEN
HOW
WHY

Main idea sentence identifying the *first category* being used to compare the two subjects.

Detail sentence showing how the two subjects are the same or different for the first main idea *category*.

Detail sentence showing how the two subjects are the same or different for the first main idea *category*.

Second main idea sentence explaining how the two topics are different.

Detail sentence showing how the two subjects are different for the second main idea *category*.

Detail sentence showing how the two subjects are different for the second main idea *category*.

Main idea sentence identifying the *third category* being used to either compare or contrast the two subjects.

Detail sentence showing how the two subjects are either the same or are different for the third main idea *category*.

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Restatement of the topic sentence, but in a new way.

Restatement of the three main ideas, but in a new way.

Wrap-it-up sentence. Restatement of the hook, but in a new way.