

Suggested Compare and Contrast Essay Rubric

Content

For a score of **4**:

- Key ideas are presented in the essay, one focusing on a shared character trait and one focusing on each character's unique qualities.
- Several examples from the text are used to support each trait presented.
- Organization of essay flows in a clear and logical manner with an introduction, body, and conclusion.

For a score of **3**:

- Key ideas are presented in the essay, one focusing on a shared character trait and one focusing on each character's unique qualities.
- One example is provided for each idea.
- Essay is organized in a logical manner, but introduction or conclusion is missing.

For a score of **2**:

- Some key ideas are provided, but not for both similarities and differences.
- Examples may be provided for some key ideas and not for others, or only one example is provided for each key idea.
- Essay is lacking clear organization.

For a score of **1**:

- Not all key ideas are provided or essay may be lacking key ideas all together.
- Some or no examples are provided.
- Essay is lacking clear organization.

Use of Language

For a score of **3**:

- Student has minimal errors in sentence structure, spelling, capitalization, use of language, and punctuation. In general, errors do not interfere with the essay's meaning.

For a score of **2**:

- Student has a few errors in sentence structure, spelling, capitalization, use of language, or punctuation. In general, errors do not interfere with the essay's meaning.

For a score of **1**:

- Student's essay has many errors in sentence structure, spelling, capitalization, use of language, or punctuation. Errors interfere with the essay's meaning.