

Criteria for a Compare/Contrast Essay

(GRADE 5)

Content **60%**

- Working title
- Introduction ending in a focus statement that sets essay up for what will be compared and contrasted
- Three paragraphs: Discuss the history in the selection, its accuracy, and compare the selection's historical data to research from that period.
- Concluding paragraph that brings ideas together

Style (craft and technique) **20%**

- Specific nouns

Writing Conventions **20%**

- Prepositional phrases to vary sentence openings and add details