

# Criteria for a Compare/Contrast Essay

## (GRADE 6)

### **Content** **55%**

- 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
- Transitions between paragraphs

### **Writing Conventions** **25%**

- Prepositional phrases to vary sentence openings and add details
- Complete sentences; repair run-on sentences.