

Criteria for a Compare/Contrast Essay

(GRADE 7)

Content **50%**

- Working title
- Introduction ending in a focus statement that sets essay up for what will be compared and contrasted
- Three to four 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) **25%**

- Strong verbs
- Specific nouns
- Transitions between paragraphs

Writing Conventions **25%**

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