

Name: _____

Score: ____/50

Compare/Contrast Essay Rubric

Prewriting – 5 points

Student completed and submitted some form of pre-writing (Venn Diagram)

- 5 pts – Completed and well developed. Matches content in the essay.
- 3 pts – Completed but underdeveloped. Only some content matches essay content.
- 0 pts – not presented

Essay – up to 40 points..... _____

Introduction – up to 10 pts

- Contains a hook and grabs the audience’s attention.
- Contains a clear thesis statement that is logically placed within the paragraph.

Body – up to 20 pts (minimum of 2 paragraphs)

- Each of the body paragraphs includes a creative and well-written topic sentence, effectively constructed sentences with supporting details, and smooth transitions.
- The essay uses a pattern of organization appropriate for compare/contrast writing (block or point-by-point format).

Conclusion – up to 10 pts

- Wraps up the speech to a clear ending.
- Reminds audience of what was talked about.
- No new information or points are made.

Grammar, Spelling, Mechanics – up to 5 pts

- 5 pts – No Errors
- 4 pts – 1 Error Present
- 3 pts – 2 Errors Present
- 2 pts – 3 Errors Present
- 1 pt – 4 Errors Present
- 0 pts – 5 or More Errors Present