

Module 4: Self-Discovery Through Facing Life's Obstacles

Topic 4 Application: Comparison and Contrast Rubric

In this topic, you learned how to compose a comparison and contrast essay, its essential elements, and how to organize your ideas. When comparing and contrasting, you must ensure that there is structure and that your ideas are balanced. In this assignment, you are to choose two pieces of literature from the list below and write a comparison and contrast essay. Remember to select literature where differences and similarities are identifiable.

Here is a list of literature to choose from;

- “Occupation: *Conductorette*” from *I know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- “Sadie and Maud” by Gwendolyn Brooks
- “Barbie Doll” by Marge Piercy
- “By Any Other Name” from *Gifts of Passage* by Santhna Rama Rau
- “The Leader in the Mirror” by Pat Mora
- “Desert Exile: The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family” by Yoshiko Uchida
- “Courage” by Ann Sexton

Comparison and Contrast Rubric

	20 Points	15 Points	10 Points	5 Points
Content	The content is accurately stated from the texts. Ample and accurate supportive details and analysis are provided.	The content is stated from the texts. Details and supportive information are provided. Analysis is present.	The content contains misinterpreted statements. Details, supportive information, and analysis lack development.	The content contains limited information about theme. Some details are provided; however, there is no analysis present.
Organization and Clarity	The essay is very organized (point-by-point/subject-by-subject) and clear. The organization of the essay adheres to the standard essay format with effective use of transitions.	The essay is organized (point-by-point/subject-by-subject) and clear. The essay is organized and uses transitions.	The essay lacks some organization and clarity. The use of transitions is limited.	There is no evidence of organization or clarity.
Thesis Statement	Thesis statement clearly states the central idea, focusing on the	Thesis statement states the central idea, focusing on similarities and	Thesis statement does not clearly state the central idea, focusing on	An attempt at a thesis statement is made.

	similarities and differences.	differences.	similarities and differences.	
Format	The formatting of quotes and paraphrased information adheres to the proper formatting guidelines.	There are minor formatting errors. Overall, the analysis adheres to the formatting guidelines.	There are several formatting errors.	An attempt at formatting is made, but it does not follow the proper guidelines.
Grammar and Spelling	The writer makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	The writer makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	The writer makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	The writer makes more than 4 error in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.

**Evidence of plagiarism results in a zero.*