Compare/Contrast Expository Essay

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| **Scoring Criteria** | **Exemplary** | **Proficient** | **Emerging** | **Incomplete** |
| **IDEAS**  **30 pts.** | -clearly stated THESIS with parallel structure & alliteration  -supports topic with 3 pieces of evidence in parenthetical citation format  -correctly uses source | --THESIS is obvious & parallel  -supports topic with some evidence in parenthetical citation format  -source is used | -unfocused THESIS that may lack parallelism  -evidence is lacking or insufficient  -source is incorrectly used | -unclear or incomplete THESIS  -few facts  -little evidence  -no source used  -misstates ideas from sources |
| **STRUCTURE**  **30 pts.** | -effective, engaging INTRODUCTION  -effective TRANSITIONS  -insightful CONCLUSION | -clear, focused  INTRODUCTION  -some TRANSITIONS  -CONCLUSION is minimal | -underdeveloped unfocused INTRO.  -1 or 2 TRANSITIONS  -underdeveloped or unfocused CONCLUSION | -vague, unfocused, or missing INTRO.  -missing TRANSITIONS  -vague and/or  no CONCLUSION |
| **USE**  **OF**  **LANGUAGE**  **30 pts.** | -precise diction  -contains 1-2 COMPOUND sentences  -great command of standard English | -appropriate diction  -contains at least 1 COMPOUND sentence  -acceptable command of standard English | -informal diction  -uses I and/or you  -lacks sentence variety  COMPOUND sentence is incorrectly used  -limited command of standard English | -information diction  -uses I and/or you  -no variety in sentence structure  -limited command of standard English so that errors interfere with meaning |
| **MLA**  **Format**  **10 pts.** | * Times New Roman * 12 point font * Double spacing * Correctly completed Works Cited page * Header in upper right * Heading on 1st page only | |  | MLA format is  Incomplete  Incorrect |
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