Compare/Contrast Expository PARAGRAPH

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| **Scoring Criteria** | **Exemplary (10)** | **Proficient (7)** | **Emerging (5)** | **Incomplete (2)** |
| **IDEAS****(10 points)** | -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****(10 points)** | -effective, engaging TOPIC SENTENCE-effective TRANSITIONS-insightful CONCLUDING SENTENCE | -clear, focused TOPIC SENTENCE-some TRANSITIONS-CONCLUDING SENTENCE is minimal | -underdeveloped unfocused TOPIC SENTENCE-1 or 2 TRANSITIONS-underdeveloped or unfocused CONCLUDING SENTENCE | -vague, unfocused, or missing TOPIC SENTENCE-missing TRANSITIONS-vague and/orno CONCLUDING SENTENCE |
| **USE****OF** **LANGUAGE****(10 points)** | -precise diction-contains 1-2 COMPOUND sentences- contains 3 different sentence types -great command of standard English | -appropriate diction-contains at least 1 COMPOUND sentence-contains 2 different sentence types-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 |
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| **MLA****Format****(5 points)** | * Times New Roman
* 12 point font

**5 points*** Double spacing
* Correctly completed Works Cited page
* Header in upper right
* Heading on 1st page only
 | MLA format isincomplete and or incorrect**0 points** |
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