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/or  no 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 is  incomplete and or incorrect  **0 points** |
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