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ENG 100 Compare and Contrast							
			Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Weak
	<b>IDEAS &amp; CONTENT</b>	The opening sentence attracts the reader's attention. Ideas are original. Background information related to opening sentence and thesis is supplied. The thesis is clearly stated, is specific, indicates pattern of organization, and supplies number of aspects/categories. The essay contains an insightful and/or sophisticated thesis that fully addresses the compare and contrast prompt. Ideas are fully supported by relevant, accurate, and specific evidence. Paraphrasing of any quotations is correct, informative, and cited.	25	20	15	10	5
	<b>STRUCTURE &amp; ORGANIZATION</b>	The introduction opens with a sentence introducing the general topic. Background information is provided. The thesis sentence is the last sentence in the introductory paragraph. The essay follows a clear and logical train of thought set by thesis. The conclusion paraphrases thesis sentence, summarizes major similarities and differences, and ends with a concluding sentence that does not introduce a new topic. Unity/coherence is achieved throughout.	20	16	12	8	4
	<b>ELEMENTS OF COMPARE &amp; CONTRAST WRITING</b>	Overall purpose is clear. Comparisons and contrasts are logical. Compare and contrast transition words/phrases/sentences are used effectively.	15	12	9	6	3
	<b>WORD CHOICE</b>	Word choice is precise, powerful, and appropriate.	5	4	3	2	1
	<b>SENTENCE FLUENCY</b>	Sentences vary in length and structure.	5	4	3	2	1
	<b>GRAMMAR, SPELLING, AND PUNCTUATION</b>	Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation are used.	30	24	18	12	6

**TOTAL**