

# Compare and Contrast Rubric

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

| Category            | N/A (0)  | Beginning (1)   | Approaching (2)  | Meeting (3)  | Score |
|---------------------|--|---|--|--|-------|
| Topic Sentence      | Sentence is complete or incomplete, but it does not mention either of the two things.  | Sentence is complete or incomplete, but it does not mention both things.  | Sentence is incomplete, but includes both things.  | Sentence is complete and includes both things.   |       |
| Compare             | Does not describe how two things are alike.  | Somewhat describes how two things are alike.  | Describes how two things are alike. Appropriate clue words are not used.   | Clearly describes how two things are alike. Includes appropriate clue words (i.e. both, too).                      |       |
| Contrast            | Does not describe how two things are different.  | Somewhat describes how two things are different.  | Describes how two things are different. Appropriate clue words are not used.   | Clearly describes how two things are different. Includes appropriate clue words (i.e. but, unlike).                |       |
| Conclusion Sentence | Sentence is complete or incomplete, but it does not summarize the topic.   | Sentence is incomplete, but summarizes the topic.   | Sentence is complete, and summarizes the topic. Appropriate clue words are not used.   | Sentence is complete and summarizes the topic. Includes appropriate clue words (i.e. finally, all in all, lastly). |       |
| Mechanics           | Significant errors in spelling that are distracting to the reader. There are 6 or more capitalization and/or punctuation errors. | Frequent errors in spelling. Grade-level/high frequency words misspelled. There are 4-5 capitalization and/or punctuation errors. | High frequency words spelled correctly and other words spelled phonetically. There are 1-3 capitalization and/or punctuation errors. | No errors in spelling. Correct capitalization and punctuation.   |       |
| <b>Total Score</b>  |  |   |  |  |       |