

Essay Author: _____ Date: _____

Essay Title: _____ Reviewer: _____

1. What type of essay is this: Comparison or Contrast? _____

2. INTRODUCTION: The introduction should (1) get the reader's attention and (2) contain the topic sentence.

What technique does the author use to capture the reader's attention? _____

Suggest an additional idea the author *might use* to get the reader's attention here: _____

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

What, then, is the author going to compare or contrast? List the three items *using parallel structure*:

(A) The first difference between _____ and _____ is _____

(B) The second difference between _____ and _____ is _____

(C) The third difference between _____ and _____ is _____

Point-by-Point Organization: Assure the author that these topic sentences should lead paragraphs two, three, and four in a point-by-point comparison or contrast essay. Write your rationale for that here: _____

Are the three items compared or contrasted discussed in a logical order? _____ Explain the author's rationale for the order of the items discussed. _____

Block Organization: Are the two items to be compared or contrasted explicitly stated in the introduction or does the reader have to guess? Write the two items, exactly as they appear: _____

Are the items compared or contrasted also stated in the introduction using parallel structure? _____ List them above in points A, B, and C. Does the author discuss (a) each of these similarities or differences (b) in the same order in paragraphs two and three? _____

Whether the author uses **point-by-point** or **block** organization, write his/her rationale for the choice here: _____

3. Does the essay contain excellent sentence variety? _____ Are the sentences punctuated correctly? _____ On the back of this sheet, write the following sentences directly from the essay: simple, compound, complex, adjective clause, and appositive. Are run-ons and comma splices avoided through good punctuation? _____ Double check.

4. Does the author use a wide variety of connectors and transitions to help guide the reader through the ideas in the essay? Write at least ten transitions and connectors here: _____

5. Does the author use his/her comparison or contrast essay to promote his/her view? What is the author's view about the the topic? Please finish this sentence: The author uses this comparison/contrast essay to express his/her view that _____