

Primary Source Compare/Contrast Paper Grading Sheet

This is the rubric that will be used to grade your papers.

- 1. Mechanics (technical quality):** Correct font and size, format, notes, bibliography, meets length requirement (10% of grade)

3*	3.5	3.75	4	4.25	4.5	4.75	5 x 2 = _____
Unacceptable		Minimally Acceptable	Acceptable		Strong	Very Strong	Excellent
"C"		"C+"	"B"	"B+"	"A"		

Comments:

- 2. Topic and Sources:** Approved topic with appropriate sources (5%)

3*	3.5	3.75	4	4.25	4.5	4.75	5 x 1 = _____
Unacceptable		Minimally Acceptable	Acceptable		Strong	Very Strong	Excellent
"C"		"C+"	"B"	"B+"	"A"		

Comments:

- 3. Introduction (with thesis):** Draws the reader in, sets the context for the paper, states the thesis (15%)

3*	3.5	3.75	4	4.25	4.5	4.75	5 x 3 = _____
Unacceptable		Minimally Acceptable	Acceptable		Strong	Very Strong	Excellent
"C"		"C+"	"B"	"B+"	"A"		

Comments:

4. Main Body

a. Organization: Paragraphs support the thesis in a logical, coherent way (15%)

3*	3.5	3.75	4	4.25	4.5	4.75	5 x 3 = _____
Unacceptable		Minimally Acceptable	Acceptable		Strong	Very Strong	Excellent
	“C”	“C+”	“B”	“B+”	“A”		

Comments:

b. Quality of Research: Use of sources to support & explain thesis, appropriate citations and quotation (10%)

3*	3.5	3.75	4	4.25	4.5	4.75	5 x 2 = _____
Unacceptable		Minimally Acceptable	Acceptable		Strong	Very Strong	Excellent
	“C”	“C+”	“B”	“B+”	“A”		

Comments:

c. Interpretation: Explains significance of research to support the thesis, addresses objections (20%)

3*	3.5	3.75	4	4.25	4.5	4.75	5 x 4 = _____
Unacceptable		Minimally Acceptable	Acceptable		Strong	Very Strong	Excellent
	“C”	“C+”	“B”	“B+”	“A”		

Comments:

