Comparison Essay First Draft Checklist

**Use this checklist to edit your essay.**

1. **Check**signal phrases for quotes; according to, makes the point of etc.
   * Do**NOT** write; says, said, talks, or other non academic words
2. **Commentary**: The commentary **MUST** have more words than the quote.
   * Do**NOT** write: as said below/above,  or this quote means
   * **DO** give **reasons** why the quote supports your thesis.
   * **Avoid** simply paraphrasing the quotation or restating the assertion in your commentary. **Explain** your reasoning. Some words to consider using in the  commentary are the following: proves, testifies to, supports, implies, underscores, illustrates, indicates,  argues (that, for) confirms, demonstrates, shows, establishes
3. Do **NOT** use a quotation as a topic sentence. Topic sentences are part of **YOUR**structure and should be **YOUR** unique thoughts and wording.
4. **Add** in-text citations to your quotes and paraphrases.  Refer to your textbook or search on Purdue Owl MLA Citations website for assistance
5. **Do NOT** start sentences with For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, Because
6. **Did** you write in third person; do **NOT** use I, me ,us, we ,you.
7. **Do NOT** use contractions
8. **Use** academic words e.g. positive instead of good,
9. **Do NOT** use stuff, things, in the modern world, nowadays, in the real world (unless you are writing about the virtual world).
10. **Do** you have transitions at the beginning of the body paragraphs, and between ideas within paragraph? e.g. however, in addition,           therefore

The essay should be the MLA format and around 625 words. It only need 2 resources.

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