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Monthly Assignment



Comparison & Contrast

Assignment: Develop a 5-10 page essay based on the guidelines below. Be sure to use MyAIU and its elements to compliment the article. [Once you have your assignment ready, please submit via your student section or evaluation.](#) We expect it via your student portal in the next 7 days.

Bibliography (include at end of essay):

Anker, Susan. [Real Essays with Readings with 2009 MLA Update: Writing Projects](#)

for College, Work, and Everyday Life. Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

This AIU assignment uses the book, *Real Essays with Readings*. The link to the book is given above. This book teaches how to write essays. You will read different parts of the book to understand how an essay is written. Then you will write a certain kind of essay. The kind of essay for this assignment is Comparison & Contrast.

First, read the following pages: (Note - If you completed the previous assignment on Process Analysis, you will see that these are the same readings. You can read them for review.)

- Chapter 1, pages 1 - 21. (Basics of writing & organizing your schedule)
- Chapter 2, pages 36 - 41. (Moving from reading to writing)
- Chapter 3, pages 48 - 52. (Understanding the structure of paragraphs & essays)
- Chapter 4, pages 62 - 73. (Developing your topic & pre-writing techniques)
- Chapter 8, 110 - 124. (Writing a draft)
- Chapter 21, 369 - 374. (Use a list of works cited at the end of your essays.)

Then you will read Chapter 16 for the essay of Comparison & Contrast. Then you will write the essay using the knowledge covered in the above readings.

An essay of Comparison & Contrast takes two aspects of an issue and compares them. The introduction of the essay presents the context for comparing the two different aspects. Also the introduction presents why you should compare and contrast the two aspects. And then in the body of the essay, you will develop a point-by-point comparison by giving examples of the advantages/disadvantages and pros/cons according to different situations. The conclusion of the essay analyzes the comparison to decide when one aspect is better than the other.

Some examples of possible topics for the Comparison & Contrast essay.

- Natural medicine vs. modern medicine
- To Forgive the debts of an emerging country or to not forgive them
- To be a responsible company to society or a company with only self-interests
- Oil-based Energy Productivity vs. Renewable Energy
- Eating meat vs. being a vegetarian
- Comparing two methods for treating Post-traumatic Distress Syndrome
- Comparing two methods of disciplining young students
- Comparing two methods of research
- Comparing two materials for the construction of a bridge
- Comparing two marketing strategies for a new product

- Comparing two diets for Diabetes
- Comparing two methods of negotiating International Trade Agreement
- Comparing Worker-owned businesses to Investor-owned businesses
- Comparing two theories within your field of study

The topic that you choose should be related to your major at AIU.

The essay must be properly formatted with cover page, table of contents, introduction, body, conclusion and bibliography. Of course, your essay will have a cover page, an introduction, and a conclusion. These are covered in the Chapter 8 reading. Remember also that essays are double-spaced for AIU.

You will include a proper bibliography at the end of your essay. The reading from Chapter 21 shows how to do bibliography for many different types of sources. Make sure that you include an internet source in your bibliography (see page 372) Also include a bibliography entry for an interview, which could even be a conversation with another person. An interview entry is easy. You will see an example of an interview bibliography on page 374. (There are more examples of correct bibliography on page 379).

If you want to see an example of an essay with correct format as requested by AIU, [here is a link](http://www.aiu.edu/online/etempl/fin/pdf/sample-essay-AIU.pdf) or copy and past the following url into your web browser:
<http://www.aiu.edu/online/etempl/fin/pdf/sample-essay-AIU.pdf>

In summary: Read the pages noted above. Then choose a topic related to your major with 2 aspects that can be compared. Follow the Writing Guide on pages 269 - 271 to help you. Check off the boxes as you complete each step of the essay.

Regards
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