

Compare and Contrast Essay Rubric

Compare and contrast the characters of Jo and Amy (at least three comparisons and two differences). Why does Laurie first love Jo but then marry Amy?

	Excellent/ Very Good (5)	Good (4)	Proficient (3)	Needs Work (2-0)
Content	<p>Writing shows understanding throughout, noting three similarities and two differences between the characters.</p> <p>Writer uses insightful and specific examples</p>	<p>Writing shows concrete understanding of similarities and differences between the two characters.</p> <p>Examples are used appropriately.</p>	<p>Writing shows understanding of similarities and differences.</p> <p>Broad examples could be better explained.</p>	<p>Writing does not include three examples of similarities and differences.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Content shows several inaccuracies and confusion.</p>
Organization	<p>Essay shows thoughtful, logical, and clear layout of concepts.</p> <p>Transition sentences are smooth.</p> <p>Essay includes introduction and conclusion.</p>	<p>Writing is logically and clearly organized.</p> <p>Three similarities and differences are readily identifiable.</p>	<p>Writing is somewhat organized.</p> <p>Points are identifiable with minimal reader confusion.</p>	<p>Writing is disorganized and hard to follow.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Writing does not contain sufficient content for organization.</p>
Conventions	<p>Work has been proofread and has no grammatical errors or spelling mistakes that take away from comprehension.</p>	<p>Work has minor grammatical errors and few spelling mistakes that do not take away from reading comprehension.</p>	<p>Work has several grammar and spelling mistakes that may somewhat interfere with comprehension.</p>	<p>Work has numerous mistakes in grammar and spelling, making it difficult to read.</p>