Compare and Contrast Essay- Assignment

In English writing and analysis, compare and contrast involves taking two or more pieces of media and finding similarities and differences between them. Usually, the comparasion surrounds a theme (for example, culture, loss, genocide, revenge, hatred, etc.) By putting the three pieces together and looking for similarities and differences, we whould be able to **get new insights**.

**Criteria:**

* 5-6 paragraphs, minimum 4 pages, max 6 pages
* double spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman
* Formal essay (no “I” “you” or contractions)
* Present tensewhen analyzing literature
* Minimum of two quotes MLA formatted quotes per paragraph

**Due on Monday, May 31st. Printed for me AND Posted on TEAMS**

Here are the steps to creating your own compare and contrast essay:

1. **Start with a question and three sources. Choose one:**

* **How are First Peoples using art and digital space to share stories of identity?**
* **How can art or a digital space be used as an opportunity to share issues important to Indigenous people?**
* **What are the different messages being shared by the artists and how do the messages connect with First People’s languages, cultures, and traditions?**
* **Substitute the word “Indigenous” with “BIPOC” and expand your sources outside of mine. You must use a minimum of two of my sources plus your own.**

***Sources:***

* *Any of the sources from our unit on Storytelling*
* *A source of your choosing.*
* *The information I have given you*

1. **Brainstorm**: Use a Venn Diagram OR a Chart to find the similarities and differences. ANSWER the QUESTION
2. **Thesis: Answer the question with your pieces of literature.** The answer to your quesition is your argument.**.**
3. **Collect evidence** from the text that support your argument and use quotes. Use the graphic organizer given to you.
4. **Check the rubric. Are you aware of the criteria? The expectations?**
5. **Write the essay:**

* ***MLA formatting***
* ***4-6 pages (trim the “deadwood” if too much)***
* ***No “you” or “I”***
* ***Present tense***
* ***I will be looking at your use of all grammar we have learned in class***
* You will have three days of lessons and to fill in an outline. The outline can be done for homework as well as in-class.
* You must have your outline checked before you can begin your essay.

1. **Revise** for mechanics and grammar. **Highlight the thesis and transition words**