

Writing an Introduction to Compare & Contrast Essay

In this article we're gonna be taking a look at writing an introduction to your compare and contrast essay what you will need to do is get out your writing journal and your practice companion book and turn to page 220 now what I want you to do is pause the article. I want you to write down what needs to be included in each paragraph so you can see paragraph 1 you need to introduce the two things that will be compared and contrast so your two topics and paragraph two you're gonna tell how the two things are the same by comparing them paragraphs 3 & 4 tell how that the two things are different by contrasting them and then finally in paragraph 5 you're gonna summarize the main point and leave the reader with something to consider so pause the video write down what goes in each paragraph and then you can continue on now what I want you to do is pause this video and I want you to read that first paragraph that's where we're gonna be focusing on today of the two kinds of towns on page 220 and I want you to also answer these two questions in your writing journal so what clue words and the topic sentence tell you that this will be a compare and [fast essay writing](#) and also why did the author begin her essay by describing the arrival of the settlers so now let's take a look at what makes a strong introduction for a compare and contrast essay so the introduction needs to establish what the purpose of the essay will be it also makes the topic interesting and engaging for the reader and it also uses vivid words and imagery to help draw the reader in to the essay so you can see within that first paragraph on page 220 that both your early European towns are described.

Native American towns are also described in that first paragraph but you also see

I should say you do not see anywhere in that first paragraph where it says and my compare and contrast essay will be about two kinds of towns there's nothing that needs to be in your introduction paragraph either that says and my topic will be about cats and dogs for example or anything. Like that you need to have need to express the thoughts without telling the reader what you're going to be talking about so you can see that final sentence there in the first paragraph it says in some ways the settlers towns were similar to the Native Americans but in other important ways they were very different so this signifies to the reader that it's going to be a compare and contrast essay so let's say I'm doing my topic on La Crosse then and now so an introduction an example of introduction paragraph could be this that says the player races down the field lifts his racket and hurls the ball into the goal score this scene from a lacrosse game could have taken place yesterday it also could have taken place in a Native American village hundreds of years ago.

While some aspects of the game have changed over time across today still shares many similarities with its earliest form so that's showing.

I'm going to start talking about some similarities and differences between lacrosse then and also now now when you come to class today what you're gonna be doing is writing that first paragraph so remember you're gonna need to make the topic interesting and engaging for the reader you're going to need to use vivid words and imagery to draw the reader in and also you're going to need to clearly state the purpose of your essay so once again you'll want to have some type of ending sentence that says while some aspects of the game have changed over time the cross today still shares many similarities with its earliest form you can also see on page 220 that final sentence of that first paragraph in some ways the settlers towns were similar to the Native Americans but in other important ways that were very different you can really plug any two topics into this for example in some ways dogs were similar to cats but in other important ways they are very different so any two topics you can really plug into that final sentence within page 220 on that first paragraph so this concludes the video on the introduction to your compare and contrast essay if you have any questions about this concept please come and see me