**Compare Contrast Essay**

Learning Target: *I can compare and contrast written text to an audio or video presentation.*

*I can produce clear and coherent writing for a specific purpose and audience.*

**When comparing and contrasting two things, I should think about:**

* **Setting** – where and when the story takes place
* **Characters** – who is involved in the story and what do they do
* **Plot** – what happens in the story
* **Format** – color, font, set up, look, feel

**Your essay should include:**

* Intro paragraph with an attention getter, background, and thesis
* Body paragraphs with topic sentences, transition words (see below) similarities and or differences WITH SUPPORT FROM THE TEXT
* Conclusion that restates your thesis, wraps up your similarities and differences, gives a reflection on the two topics/texts (something you have learned, personal opinion, etc.)

REMEMBER TO USE ALL THE GOOD THINGS YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT WRITING AN ESSAY. **Use the examples we have worked with AND your previous essays that have feedback** ☺

**Transitions indicating difference**

although besides

but compared with

conversely differ

different from even though

furthermore however

in contrast to in contrast

instead less than

more than nevertheless

notwithstanding on the other hand

on the contrary otherwise

rather than regardless

still though

to the contrary unless

unlike whereas

while yet

**Transitions showing similarity**

and along with

as well as as if

as besides

both comparatively

even when in comparison

in the same way in the same manner

in addition just as

like likewise

moreover most important

same similar to

similar similarly

the same as too