

# Aims of Today's Lesson (page. 287 booklet)



- Explain how to develop a comparison or contrast. Essay.
- Consider a sample student essay.
- Write a an essay of comparison or contrast.
- Revise an essay of comparison or contrast.

# A Comparison-and-contrast Essay



- When we *compare* two things, we show how they are similar. When we *contrast* two things, we show how they are different.
- The purpose of comparing or contrasting is to understand the two things, and make judgments about them.

# A Comparison-and-contrast Essay



- Methods of Development:
  1. One side at a time. (ex. Page 288)
  2. Point by Point. (ex. Page 289)
- \* When you begin writing a comparison -or-contrast essay, decide from the beginning which method you are going to use: one side at a time, or point by point.
- \* Use that format as you create the outline for your paper.
- \* Remember that an outline is an essential step in planning your essay.

# Student Essay to Consider



- In the Essay “A vote for McDonald’s”, determine the following;
  - The type of Introduction.
  - Underline the thesis statement, the topic, and point.
  - Underline the topic sentence of each paragraph
  - Underline all connecting words and commas used with them.
  - Decide the type of the summary.
  - + exercises on page 293.

# Developing a Comparison or Contrast essay



- The point of a comparison or contrast essay is to make a point by showing readers that two things are either similar or different.
- Whether you choose to compare or contrast two items depends on the specific point you want to convey.
  - \* see page 294.
- As you think about your essay, ask yourself what you wish to discuss. Then determine whether you want to focus on the differences or similarities.

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- Prewriting:
  1. Keep in mind: you are not only describing two things.
  2. Make two columns on a paper, jot down phrases that describe the 1<sup>st</sup> item.
  3. Then go back and do the same with the 2<sup>nd</sup> item on the opposite page. Write as many as you can.
  4. As you look try to group your points into three categories.
  5. Decide what method of development you will use, and stick to it.
  6. Write the 1<sup>st</sup> draft.

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- Revising: Revise by checking each point in the table on page 306.

**Homework: write a five-paragraph comparison-and-contrast essay about one of the topics on page 310.**

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