Assignment 2: Comparison / Contrast

<u>Full paper DUE: Monday 07/28, 11:30 PM in D2L.</u>

SUBJECT

Utilize a Comparison and Contrast Pattern analyzing the similarities and differences between: *An Average Reality Television Character and an Average College Student.*

OBJECTIVES

1. As a class, use a **listing** technique, pre-write your opinions/observations on the chosen topic. This is your opportunity to find a subjective response and sort out your feelings on the chosen topic before conducting research. **<see back of this sheet**

2. Use secondary evidence from a database article to show secondary opinion.

   Visit **Lonestar.edu**: select "**LSCS Libraries**" link on left-hand menu.

   Then select **Research Databases.**

   Select **Current Issues.**

   Select **CQ Researcher**. (If at home, you will need to enter your barcode number from your Student I.D.)

   Use keyword **"reality television"** in the search field.

   Choose the first article available; this should be by Maryann Haggerty. Select **View as PDF** option.

3. Follow standard MLA guidelines: heading/header, margins, format ¶s/indent, double space, fonts

4. Create an interesting, intricate, descriptive introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs.

5. Be sure each new paragraph includes a strong transitional phrase. Paragraphs are fully developed with clear purpose. All body paragraphs must have:
   - strong topic sentences
   - at least one quote or paraphrase from secondary evidence
   - use signal phrases *before* you quote; provide in-text notations *after* you quote
   - be decisive in your subjective opinions
   - colloquial language is *not* permitted
   - use five <u>or more</u> sentences

6. Despite the fact it is a persuasion piece, avoid use of first person and second person.

7. Punctuation and spelling are used correctly.

8. Utilize correct grammar and sentence structures.

9. Works Cited page is provided and set-up correctly.

10. **Essay Length: 300 words.**

Keep in mind this essay is more formal than the previous exercises.

I. Describe the average Reality Television personality. (Because of the *slight* diversity in these characters, isolate one individual as a prime example.) In general terms, how are these people similar in attitudes, philosophies, and social skills?

II. Provide twenty general "common knowledge" facts about the term "Reality Television."
This list represents *your* observations and *your* opinions on the subject. Put the best ten in your composition notebook.

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