

Cause/Effect *or* Comparison/Contrast

SUBJECTS

Option 1:

Utilize a Cause and Effect Pattern for the topic of *Reality Television*.

What are the effects of this type of programming on the American culture?

What causes such shows to be so popular?

Option 2:

Utilize a Comparison and Contrast Pattern analyzing the similarities and differences between

A Reality Television Character and the Average College Student.

For the paper title, state which pattern chosen.

Comparison/Contrast: Reality Television

OBJECTIVES

1. In 200 words or more, pre-write your opinions on a chosen topic provided.
This is your opportunity to find a subjective response and sort out your feelings on the chosen topic before conducting research. Staple to back of essay. **(5 points)**
2. Compose a strong example of the pattern of your choice. **(10 points)**
Use evidence from an essay selected from database to show a secondary opinion. **(2 pts)**
Newspapers and Current Topics> CQ Researcher, keyword “television.”
Incorporate proper signal phrases when quoting selections from the article. **(3 points)**

Length: 3 full pages. **(5 points)**

3. Staple before class. **(5 points)**
4. Follow standard MLA guidelines **(10 points total)**:
 - heading/header • margins • Format ¶s/indent • double space • fonts
5. Create an interesting, intricate, descriptive introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs. **(5 points)**
6. Be sure each new paragraph includes a strong transitional phrase. **(2 points)**
Paragraphs are fully developed with clear purpose.
Include strong topic sentences and secondary evidence. **(2 points)**
> Every body paragraph needs at least 1 quote to support your opinion.
Be decisive in your subjective opinions. **(1 point)**
 - Fictional devices and colloquial language are *not* permitted.
 Use five or more sentences per paragraph. **(5 points)**
Utilize correct grammar & sentence structure. *(2 pts. per sentence error, up to 10 points)*
7. Despite the fact it is a persuasion piece, avoid excessive use of first person, singular.
Your evidence is more important than your personal opinion. **(5 points)**
8. Punctuation is used correctly. *(2 pts. per punctuation error, up to 10 points)*
9. Spelling is correct; no evidence of typos. *(2 pts. per word, up to 10 points)*
10. Works Cited page is provided and set-up correctly. **(5 points)**
11. **Exercises are due Thursday, 11.17.11. (5 points)**

Total points: 100

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

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