This packet will guide you through the 5 stages of the writing process while writing your compare and contrast essay.

The 5 steps of the writing process are

1. Prewriting
2. Drafting
3. Revising
4. Editing
5. Publishing

Instructions for Conexus Lessons to use with this portfolio packet:

Lesson 8 (Prewriting):

1. Read through all material in Lesson 8
2. Choose which two items or ideas you will compare/contrast in your essay
3. Fill out the Venn Diagram in this packet
4. This is worth 5 quiz points

Lesson 9 and/or 13:

1. Fill out one of the graphic organizers on page 3 or 4 in this packet. Choose which format will be best for the items/ideas you have chosen to compare and contrast. You only need to do one!
2. This is worth 5 quiz points

Lesson 13:

1. Use the graphic organizer to help you begin to draft your essay on pages . You essay should be 4 paragraphs that are organized into either the block format or the po0int by point format discussed in Live Lesson.
2. Draft your essay on page 5 in this packet.
3. Copy and paste your drafted essay onto page 6 in this packet and make revisions. Pay attention to the 6 traits of writing: ideas, organization, sentence fluency, voice, conventions, word choice.
4. Evaluate each trait in your writing and work to improve it on this draft.
5. These 2 drafts with revisions and editing completed are worth 10 draft points.

Lesson 17:

1. Copy and paste your final draft onto page 7 of this packet. This draft will be graded as your final draft and will be graded for quality.
2. This final draft is worth 24 portfolio points and will be graded according to the quality of the final draft you turn in on this page.

**Prewriting:** Complete Venn Diagram by choosing two things you would like to compare/contrast in your essay. Make notes about their similarities and differences here.

(This part is worth 5 quiz points)

Subject 2’s Differences

Subject 1’s Differences

Subject 1 and 2’s Similarities

**You only need to choose 1 format. You will choose either the block format or the point by point format**

**(One of these next two graphic organizers is worth 5 quiz points. You are only required to complete one)**

Compare and Contrast Block Arrangement Graphic Organizer

**Introductory Paragraph**

Introduction (establish credibility):

Background information:

Thesis statement (What two items or ideas are you comparing? What two characteristics or points of those two items or ideas are you focusing on in your essay?):

**Second Body Paragraph**

Discuss second item or idea mentioned in thesis statement

Discuss characteristics or points of second item or idea only

Ideas in this paragraph should directly correlate to how you discussed the first item in the previous paragraph

**First Body Paragraph**

Discuss first item or idea mentioned in thesis statement

Discuss characteristics or points of first item or idea only

Ideas in this paragraph should directly correlate to how you will discuss the second item in the next paragraph

**Conclusion**

Restate thesis. Provide closure. Leave readers pondering your words.

Compare and Contrast Point by Point Arrangement Graphic Organizer

**Second Body Paragraph**

Discuss second point mentioned in thesis statement

Discuss both items or ideas being compared in terms of second point mentioned in thesis

**First Body Paragraph**

Discuss first point mentioned in thesis statement

Discuss both items or ideas being compared in terms of first point mentioned in thesis

**Conclusion**

Restate thesis. Provide closure. Leave readers pondering your words.

**Introductory Paragraph**

Introduction (establish credibility):

Background information:

Thesis statement (What two items or ideas are you comparing? What two characteristics or points of those two items or ideas are you focusing on in your essay?):

**Drafting: Draft** your essay on this page. Start typing your thoughts and ideas. Don’t worry about mistakes, you can fix them on the next page. Just get your general words and paragraphs organized at a starting point.

(Each draft is worth 5 Draft points. Up to 10 points are available for the drafting, revising, and editing phase of the writing process.)

Revise and Edit: Revise and edit your essay on this page. (Copy and paste your first draft here and improve it. Correct your punctuation, capitalization, spelling, organization, and review and improve your ideas to make your essay better than your first draft.)

(5 draft points)

**Publish your final draft:** Copy and paste your previous draft here, make final revisions. When this whole process is completed, turn in completed document to the Lesson 17 dropbox.

(The final draft is worth 24 portfolio points and will be graded based on grade level quality.)