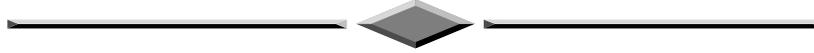


English 100/Reading 104

Paper #1: Comparison Paper



Purpose: This paper will help you practice the writing process as you learn comparison structure. It will also give you practice integrating information from readings into your writing.

Assignment: This paper will ask you to compare the views of two authors (Plato and Mann *or* Gatto and Anyon) on the topic of education. Specifically, your paper needs to include the following:

- **Thesis:** Your paper will need a thesis statement that answers the question *What do the two authors on whom you are focusing agree on about education?* Remember that this thesis should be global enough in scope to allow you to support it with several examples from the authors' writings.
- **Support/Development:** In your essay will need to have a minimum of two supporting points with two paragraphs per point. This means your paper will have a minimum of 4 supporting body paragraphs (two for each author) that use quotes, paraphrases, or detailed descriptions from the readings to support your thesis. You will also need to include your own analysis (or explanation) to discuss how the support backs up the thesis.
- **Organization:**
 - **Overall Paper:** This paper should be organized according to comparison structure. You may use either the point by point or subject by subject structure, but you need to remain consistent throughout. (Don't start with one structure and then change to the other midway through.) It should have an introduction with your thesis, two clear categories supported by two body paragraphs each, and a conclusion.
 - **Body Paragraphs:** Body paragraphs should be clearly structured with a topic sentence, support, and analysis that connects back to the thesis of the overall paper.
 - **Coherence:** In your paper, you will want to make sure that all paragraphs go with your larger thesis, therefore creating a coherent essay. Also use transitions to create connections between ideas.
 - **Title:** Finally, you will want to construct a title for your essay that gives your reader and idea of what it will be about.
- **Editing:** The paper should be proof read and edited for sentence structure, spelling, and grammar.
- **The length:** The length should be 4-5 pages, typed, double-spaced, in 12-point font, with one-inch margins. No cover pages are needed. Just put your name and the class number at the top.

First Draft Due (typed): Friday, Jan. 22nd – bring 1 copy
Final Draft Due in your writing portfolio at the end of the quarter

What I Will Look For (or how you will be graded):

- ◆ **Thesis:** Does your paper have a clear thesis that answers the assigned question in one clear sentence? Is it clearly placed in the introduction of the paper?
- **Support:** Do you support your thesis with concrete examples from the readings in this unit? Is there enough support to fully illustrate your thesis?
- **Development:** Does your overall paper develop a substantial discussion of your thesis? Have you included analysis/explanation of your support in each body paragraph?
- **Paper Organization:** Does the paper follow comparison essay structure? Does each paragraph connect to the one previous to it and to the thesis for the paper? Are body paragraphs clearly constructed with topic sentence, support, and analysis? Are transitions used to show connections between ideas?
- **Grammar and Mechanics:** Is the paper well edited and proofread for the grammar and mechanics conventions? Do the sentences convey meaning in a way that is clear to the reader?