

## COMPARE CONTRAST WRITING - ESSAY APPROACHES

### Verbal / Linguistic

Write a few sentences with similar meanings but with variations in key words. Below is an example:

*My uninspired brother lies around the house not doing much.*

*My silly brother is wasting his life away by sitting around the house watching TV.*

*My stupid brother sits on his butt watching Jerry Springer reruns for hours.*

Now compare and contrast the different meanings of these sentences. Do they each have the same connotations? Could they all be said about the same person under similar circumstances? What type of person is most likely to speak each sentence?

### Musical / Rhythmic

Compare different songs or pieces of music that were recorded by the same artist. How are the songs the same, how are they different? What characteristics does the artist reveal or maintain in his or her music?

### Logical / Mathematical

Look at the series of Cezanne paintings or the Rodin sculptures under the “English Media” tab on my website. Examine the stylistic traits revealed in each series? Compare and contrast the unusual features in the images.

OR

Visit a museum (in person or online) to look at various periods in art. Compare and contrast the work of different eras. Which is more attractive, or interesting? Why?

### Bodily / Kinesthetic

Do a physical activity outside (e.g. running, riding a bicycle) and then do its equivalent inside (e.g. running on a treadmill, riding an exercise bike). How are these two relatively identical forms of exercise similar and different?

### Interpersonal

Watch the movie version of a book you have read. Compare and contrast the two, discussing what makes one or the other either more or less effective or entertaining, and why.