

Compare/Contrast Paragraph Prompt

Your second take-home writing assignment will be to write a paragraph comparing your culture to American culture. You can choose one of the following topics. You may NOT write about food.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polite language• Meeting new people• Relationship with parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greetings• Planning a party• Getting married
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After you've chosen the topic, think about TWO points you want to make. You will write long paragraph explaining the two points and supporting your ideas with concrete examples. The paragraph must include a clear topic sentence, two supporting points, four specific examples, and a conclusion. Don't forget to include transitions!

Requirements

The final draft must:

- ESL1: be at least 300 words long. ESL2: be at least 350 words long.
- Be typed and conform to MLA conventions.
- Include concrete details and vivid descriptions.
- Focus on ONE topic
- Include at least two points about the topic
- Include at least 4 examples

In order to prepare for this assignment, we will complete workshops in class. You will need to submit some of these assignments to me so I can give you feedback before you submit your final draft. Please refer to the timeline below.

Week 6: Tuesday 09/25

Assign paragraph and begin brainstorming

Week 6: Thursday 09/27

Submit brainstorming exercise in class. (It can be handwritten or typed)

Week 7: Tuesday 10/02

Incorporate transitions in writing.

Week 8: Tuesday 10/09

Begin drafting paragraph outline (in class)

Week 8: Thursday 10/11

Submit paragraph outline to class. (Must be typed).

Week 9: Tuesday 10/16

Writing workshop: drafting the paragraph (in class)

Week 10: Thursday 10/18

Writing workshop: formatting and editing the paragraph (in class)

Week 10: Thursday 10/23

Final draft due.