**Student Worksheet for [Assignment Title]**

**Title of assignment: Compare and Contrast Essay**

**Length requirement:**

**Point of view (first person or third person): Third person**

**Due date:**

**Rhetorical mode and chosen topic:**

Compare/Contrast/Evaluation

**Research requirements:**

While research is not required, please do cite any research that you incorporate or consult. Your primary mode of information will come from your own observation, most likely

*Thinking ahead*

**Essay's main idea and thesis statement:**

How do you treat people, places, phenomena that have similarities and differences? How do you choose between these two related things or people? This is the purpose of a compare and contrast essay. Your thesis should frame the two-three subjects and allude to the importance of this comparison

**Basic necessary elements in paper:** [formatting/style, paragraph organization, presence of thesis, elements specific to rhetorical mode; checkboxes formatted as bullets]

* Thesis
* Logical organization
* Evidence
* Two to three similar, yet different, items to compare
* Introduction
* Conclusion

**Questions to ask about the paper:**

**Did you choose items to compare that have appreciable differences and enough similarities?**

**Does your paper have a narrative or is it a list? It should not be a list…**

**Does your essay have a thesis? Does it explain or gesture toward the significance of your comparison/contrast?**

**Does your paper organize the comparison/contrast in a logical fashion—usually by types of similarities/types of differences?**