



Writing Prompt—Compare and Contrast

Planning

- Think about what you want to write.
- Reread the prompt to make sure you are really responding to the questions asked.
- Make notes. Use your prewriting skills, such as mapping or outlining.
- Carefully read the five statements below the prompt. Each statement refers to one of the score-able domains: focus, content, organization, style and conventions.

Writing

- Write your response on the pages provided, or you may type them.
- Proofread your response, and make necessary corrections.

READ THE ENTIRE PROMPT CAREFULLY

Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy were both assassinated while president. Your task is to write a *compare and contrast* essay about the assassinations and the national reaction to the deaths of both men. You must include at least two similarities and two differences that go beyond the surface level and that are supported by both primary and secondary resources. You must include a bibliography, and your essay must be a minimum of five paragraphs.

As you write, remember to:

- Give details that are specific and relevant to each point.
- Describe the similarities and differences clearly
- Present your essay in a clear and logical order, including a beginning, middle and an end.
- Use a variety of words and well-constructed sentences.
- Correct any errors in grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage and sentence formation.

Remember to revise and edit your rough draft.