**College Comparison & Contrast Essay**

Choose two colleges to research. One college must be in Georgia (no UGA, no Georgia Tech, no Georgia Southern) and the other college must be located in another state or country. Then write a 4-paragraph (5-8 sentences per paragraph) compare and contrast essay on the two colleges.

Gather the following information on each college using www.gacollege411.org:

1. 5 Quick Facts
2. Contact Information
3. Campus Links
4. Admissions Requirements
5. Academics
6. Tuition Costs
7. Student Profile

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| **Category** | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Focus & Details** | Includes all the information listed above.  | Missing 4 of the 7. | Missing 5 of the 7. | Missing important information about either college. |
| **Purpose & Supporting Details** | The paper compares & contrasts 2 colleges. The paper uses strong examples to support the similarities and differences. | The paper compares & contrasts, but the supporting information is general.  | The paper compares & contrasts, but the supporting information is incomplete. | There is no comparing and/or contrasting. |
| **Organization** | The introduction is inviting, states the main topic, and provides an overview of the paper. The conclusion is strong. Each paragraph is 5-8 sentences. | The introduction states the main topic and provides an overview of the paper. Paragraphs are too short. | The introduction states the main topic. A conclusion is included. Paragraphs are too short. | There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion. Paragraphs are too short. |
| **Word Choice** | Vivid words and phrases are used. The choice and placement of words seems accurate, natural, and not forced. | Choice and placement of words is inaccurate or overdone. | Writing lacks variety. | Use of limited vocabulary, jargon, or clichés. |
| **Sentence structure, grammar, mechanics, & spelling** | Well-constructed sentences and varied in length. No errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling. | Some well-constructed sentences and some variety in length. Few errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling. | Few well-constructed sentences and length is not varied. Several errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling. | Awkward sentences; repetitive sentences. Numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling.  |
| **MLA Format** | Paper is written in correct MLA format. |  |  | Paper is not written in MLA format. |