

Directions for Writing a Contrasting Essay

1. Using the information from your standing cube write an essay contrasting the Northern and Southern geographical, economical, societal and transportation systems during Antebellum.
2. Your essay should contain at least six paragraphs. Make sure each paragraph contains supporting evidence and a concluding sentence. Topic sentences are provided for each of the paragraphs. You may use them directly or create your own.
 - a. In the opening paragraph, describe how the differences in the North and South created distinct regions: “The North and South emerged as two distinct regions because they had various differences. These differences included the geography, the economy...”
 - b. In the second paragraph, discuss the differences in geography/climate between the North and South. “One of the most striking differences between the North and South was the climate and geography. In the North...”
 - c. In the third paragraph, describe the differences in the economy of the North and South. “There are various differences in the economy of the North and South. In the South...”
 - d. In the fourth paragraph, include information on societal differences in the North and South. “Societal differences influenced the North and South to emerge as two distinct regions. In the North...”
 - e. In the fifth paragraph, explain how transportation methods provided the North with access to resources which the South was unable to obtain. “Transportation provided an opportunity for the North to expand resources and communication easier than in the South. In the North...”
 - f. In the sixth paragraph provide your opinion. As a conclusion, suppose you were living in the North or South during this time period. Pick four reasons you would like to live in one of the regions and explain why. Also, mention two reasons why you would not like to live in one of the regions.
3. Write a rough draft before you turn in the final copy. Your final copy should be typed or written neatly. The essay should be approximately two pages in length.