Writing Checklist – Compare Contrast Essay

Introduction
- In your compare and contrast essay, use a couple sentences to introduce the two items that you are going to compare and contrast.
- Did you introduce the topics with supporting details about how they are similar and how they are different?
- Your supporting details should include both similarities and differences for your topics.
- Is your topic clear and interesting for the reader?

Body
- Do you have at least one paragraph for how the two topics are similar?
- Do you have at least one paragraph for how the two topics are different?
- Do you have details and facts in each of your paragraphs?
- Did you transition from one paragraph to the other?

Conclusion
- Have you included the topic that you are comparing and contrasting in your conclusion paragraph?
- Did you come to a conclusion about the items that you are comparing and contrasting?
- Make sure you summarize the key points from the compare and contrast paragraphs in your essay.

Overall
- Does your essay include interesting facts about similarities and differences between the topics?
- Do all your paragraphs related to the two ideas that you are comparing and contrasting?
- Have you captured the reader’s interest in the topics and left them satisfied?