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**Compare and Contrast Explorer Essay**

**Due Jan 14**

Your assignment is to compare and contrast the two famous explorers Zhang He and Christopher Columbus. Discuss similarities and differences between them (reference your 3 column chart and Top Hat from class). **Remember to include an introductory paragraph with thesis, 3 body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.**

Essay Scoring:

5 pts for Outline

**Outline** is filled out completely and stapled to the back of your essay**.**

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10 pts for correct spelling and grammar

Essay is **free from spelling and grammatical errors**. Hint: read out loud to help catch grammatical errors.

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15 pts for 5+ paragraph format and focus on selected topic

Essay written in **5 paragraph format**, containing an introduction with a **clear thesis** that is the main idea of the paper.

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15 pts for content knowledge

Show understanding of topic by writing at least 3 body paragraphs that have **accurate evidence supporting the main idea**.

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15pts for writing a compare and contrast essay

Essay contains **both comparisons and contrasts** in the body of the paper.

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Total Score: \_\_\_\_/60

**EXPLORER ESSAY OUTLINE**

1. Intro (introduce comparisons and contrasts that support your thesis—include who/when/where)

2. Thesis (last sentence in intro that is main idea of paper):

3. Body Paragraph 1 Topic Sentence:

A. (first piece of evidence)

B. (second piece of evidence)

4. Body Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence:

A. (first piece of evidence)

B. (second piece of evidence)

5. Body Paragraph 3 Topic Sentence:

A. (first piece of evidence)

B. (second piece of evidence)

6. Conclusion (don’t repeat Introduction—make sure both comparisons and contrasts are referenced)