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**Compare and Contrast Explorer Essay**

Your assignment is to compare and contrast two famous explorers from the following group: Zhang He, Vasco da Gama, Christopher Columbus, or Ferdinand Magellan. Discuss similarities and differences between the two that you select. **Remember to include an introductory paragraph with thesis, 3 body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.**

Essay Scoring:

5 pts for Pre-write

**Pre-write** 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, and there are **both comparisons and contrasts** in the body 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 **evidence supporting the main idea**.

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15pts for a well-crafted conclusion

Essay contains a **conclusion that does not repeat the introduction or summarize the essay.**

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

**EXPLORER ESSAY PRE-WRITE**

1. Intro (Key points and brief summary of events that support)

2. Thesis (last sentence or two in intro):

3. Body Paragraph 1 Main Idea:

 A. (first piece of evidence)

B. (second piece of evidence)

4. Body Paragraph 2 Main Idea:

A. (first piece of evidence)

B. (second piece of evidence)

5. Body Paragraph 3 Main Idea:

A. (first piece of evidence)

B. (second piece of evidence)

6. Conclusion (don’t repeat Introduction)