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**Do Zoos Help or Harm Animals?
Compare and Contrast Writing Assessment**

Directions:

- **Read the five texts that are included in your packet.**
- **Write an essay comparing and contrasting the different points of view of whether or not zoos help or harm animals.**
- **As you read, ask yourself the guiding question, “Do zoos help or harm animals?”**
- **Underline the pros and cons of this historical debate. (Compare and contrast each point of view.)**
- **Create a graphic organizer, and take notes of the pros and cons. (Compare and contrast each point of view.)**
- **In the introduction to your essay, write a claim stating each point of view of whether or not zoos help or harm animals.**
- **Be sure to list the titles of the texts that you use in your essay.**
- **Be sure to list the evidence that compares and contrasts the points of view to support your inference/claim.**
- **Write as much as you can, as quickly as you can. You may use several sheets of loose-leaf paper.**
- **Use the rubric and especially the writing checklist to ensure that you include all that is required to make your essay powerful.**
- **In your writing, make sure you:**
 - **Write your inference/claim in your introduction.**
 - **Use transition words to start new paragraphs and to introduce new examples from the text.**
 - **Give at several examples from the text as your evidence to support your inference/claim.**
 - **Use statements such as, “I know this because in paragraph ___it states,…”**
 - **Write a conclusion.**
- **Check your writing for:**
 - **spelling**
 - **capitalization of proper nouns**
 - **capitalization of the beginning of sentences**
 - **punctuation**
 - **indentation of each new paragraph**
 - **interesting word choice**
 - **See the rubric for more details of expectations.**