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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.