

Comparison and Contrast by Analogy

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An Inconvenient Truth Assignment: “A storm . . . of a different kind.”

1. Read pages 100-101 from Al Gore’s book *An Inconvenient Truth*.
2. Before you begin writing your essay, complete the following pre-writing activities:
 - Describe what you need to know about Winston Churchill and Europe in the 1930’s to understand these two pages.
 - List who you could ask for more information on this subject.
 - Try to “Google” what you need to know. What words would you use to search?
 - Do you know what an analogy is? If not, look up several definitions of analogy and then define it in your own words.
3. In a well-developed, three-paragraph essay, respond to the following concerns:

Paragraph one: Identify and describe the comparison Al Gore uses on pages 100-101 from the book *An Inconvenient Truth*. What keywords stand out in this comparison and what is their “job” or purpose?

Paragraph two: What is the claim Gore makes here through this comparison? In other words, what is the argument Gore advances? Explain your reasoning.

Paragraph three: Finish the essay through critical thinking: Draw some conclusions about the power, and problems, of arguing through comparison (or analogy).