

Compare/Contrast Essay

One goal of the Religion, Faith, and Values GE requirement is for students to learn to identify how the world shapes religious life. Write a 4-6 page paper in which you compare how a social force of your choosing shaped *either* the religion OR the memoirist in two of the texts we read this semester. So: you might write about how economics shaped the Holiness-Pentecostal tradition and the Church of Latter Day Saints. Or, how feminism shaped Mathewes-Green and Bolz-Weber. Or, how the effects of white supremacy shaped Cleveland and Brooks. It is OK to focus more of your attention on one book/memoirist (i.e. the essay does not need to be perfectly balanced), but there should be clear moments of comparison.

Step One (3 participation points)

Draft a working thesis, an outline, and a list of possible quotes to use in the paper.

Step Two (3 points)

Write a rough draft of the paper. I encourage you to make this draft as polished as possible. Our conference will be most useful if you've already improved the paper to the absolute best of your ability.

Step Three

Conference with me! Take notes during our meeting. Be sure to save the rough draft of the paper with my comments.

Step Four (30 points)

Write a final draft of your paper that takes my written and oral feedback into consideration. **Attach the rough draft (with my feedback)**