

COMPARE AND CONTRAST SUMMARY ESSAY

★ INSTRUCTIONS ★

LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSED: COMMUNICATION, CRITICAL THINKING, INFORMATION LITERACY,
ETHICAL THINKING, GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, AND KNOWLEDGE OF NATURAL SYSTEMS

1. **Read Cynthia Barnett's article**, "Our Water. Our Florida: A Water Ethic for Florida."
2. **Make a T-chart**. Title one side "Similarities" and one side "Differences." In the columns you have created, **list the similarities and differences** that Barnett points out about between Florida and Australia.
3. **Compose a four-paragraph summary** of the similarities and differences between Florida and Australia in regards to water consumption and conservation.
 - **Your first paragraph** should introduce the article with a full signal phrase and a brief paraphrased summary of the entire article.
 - **Your thesis statement** should explain the main compare-contrast relationship in the article (Florida and Australia). *Be specific!*
 - Your second paragraph should highlight the similarities discussed.
 - **Your second paragraph** should highlight the differences discussed.
 - **Your third paragraph** should synthesize the similarities and differences into a *commentary* on the issue of water use. Based on the information in Barnett's article, along with your own observations and experiences, *what should be done to improve water conservation in South Florida?*