Compare-Contrast Essay

What is similar and what is different about paintings and photographs? Write an essay for your teacher, in which you compare and contrast paintings and photographs. Be sure to write about your ideas in detail.

Let’s think about paintings and photographs. They are two different kinds of pictures. Yet they are alike in some ways.

Both kinds of pictures are used to remember the important people in our lives. You probably have photos of your friends at your desk or on your wall. You might have a painting of Great-aunt Sarah in your living room. These kinds of pictures are good. They remind us of family or friends. Both photographs and paintings work for this purpose.

Here’s another thing that makes paintings and photographs alike. They can be well done or badly done. Each kind of picture can differ in quality. For example, one time I tried to take a photograph of my friend Pedro. Maybe I wasn’t concentrating enough. The picture shows only his foot. That’s not a very good photograph! Likewise, a painting can be not so good. It can be easy to smear paint. The painting might not end up looking much like the subject. On the other hand, both paintings and photographs can be gorgeous.

Pedro wants me to take another photo of him, so he can send it to his grandmother. I guess she doesn’t want to see just his foot. I see Pedro almost every day, so I will borrow a camera. I will take another picture soon. Wish me luck!

Now let me tell you about how different photographs and paintings can be. Photographs can be taken almost anywhere. However, paintings need to be made under certain conditions. With the right kind of equipment, photographs can be taken under water and in the sky. Don’t even try painting in those places. You can take photos outdoors on windy days. However, a painting canvas might blow over, and the paint might get knocked over and spattered.

It’s great that photographs and paintings can help us remember our loved ones. If a family moves away from your neighborhood, you might forget what they look like. This won’t happen if you have a picture.