

Essay 1: Comparative Analysis

Description:	3-4 pages, plus MLA-format Works Cited page
Source:	Berreby, "It Takes a Tribe" and Hine, "Goths in Tomorrowland"
Total Points:	150
Due Date:	Wed, 2/13

Remember: turn in two copies of the final draft, the rough draft, and the peer review sheets

The Assignment

Write a comparative essay that analyzes how these two essays address a shared concern or issue. Identify and unpack a meaningful relationship between the two sources' claims, ideas, approaches, and/or assumptions, using details from each to support your analysis.

Strategies

Building on your work in Microtheme 2, consider the language, evidence, approach, and underlying assumptions in each essay. Use "The Method" to begin identifying patterns of repetition and contrast to arrive at a significant comparison that offers readers something that is not immediately apparent.

As you think through the relationship between the two texts, review WA 156-158 on comparison/contrast for help making your claim more analytical, rather than a tally of obvious similarities and differences. Remember that an effective comparison integrates both texts throughout, analyzing each in terms of the other.

Criteria for Evaluation

1. Does the thesis establish a significant and unobvious relationship between the two RAW essays?
2. Does the essay offer a focused analysis of details that serves a larger claim about reasoning, use of evidence, assumptions, and/or approaches to a common issue?
3. Does the writer remain independent and objective by relying on textual details and **avoiding** judgment or personal response?
4. Does the essay exhibit coherence through a logical flow of ideas, well-developed paragraphs, and the use of transitions, attributive tags, and strong verbs?