Sample introductions for the Comparison Contrast Essay

1. Robert Frost was a famous poet who was recognized by his style of poetry. He often expressed himself through his poems. Frost created many poems two of which include “Fire and Ice” and “Nothing Gold Can Stay”. These two poems written by Frost, talk about earths existence. “Fire and Ice” talks about how the world will in fact end while “Nothing Gold Can Stay” explains how nature is beautiful but its beauty in fact does not last due to its nature role. In his poems, “Fire and Ice” and “Nothing Gold Can Stay”, Robert Frost uses figurative language, tone and theme to talk about the world.

2. As an African American poet, Langston Hughes often used his own experiences as a reference in his poems. His two poems that I have selected to compare, “Theme for English B” and “Freedom” have similar themes but differ in tone and figurative language.

3. “Mo’ money, mo’ problems,” (Wallace) the great poet The Notorious B.I.G. once lamented. Another wise collective of poets and intellectuals known as The Eagles once decried in their masterpiece Doolin-Dalton how “nothing ever changed.” (Frey) Both are not only valid society-wide issues to be upset about, but quite profound cultural criticisms once one examines the works of these savants carefully. Carl Sandburg was another poetic titan, and his poems Chicago and Streets Too Old each touched upon these same cultural conversations in their own way. While Sandburg’s poems Chicago and Streets Too Old are similar in that both explore themes related to money’s supposed connection to happiness and themes related to conformity and stagnation’s negative effect on the collective human experience, the two poems are very different in both the boastfulness and hopefulness, or lack thereof, of their tones.

4. Maya Angelou was a poet, author, singer, and civil rights activist. She influenced many people through her work, especially with her poetry. Two examples of Angelou’s poems that have had an influence are “Still I Rise” and “Phenomenal Woman”. Angelou’s poems differ in themebut are similar in tone and writing style.

5. Poems are a beautiful way to express emotions, feelings, moods, and can create harmony between thoughts and those feelings. In a similar way, poems will create the perfect environment to describe what is inside a person’s heart, what some call “ a person’s soul.” One excellent example of this is one of the greatest poets in Latin America, which has been able to express his way of communicating feelings and emotions in a unique style. His name is Pablo Neruda, Nobel prize of literature in 1973, used to have different ways to describe feelings about love. Most of his poems contain courage, honor, loyalty. Sometimes he writes with a peaceful and grateful mood. While in others, he has themes of revenge, frustrations, sadness, and destruction. Accordingly, all of his poems express feelings, sometimes about love for another person, respect for nature, or life.