

English Knowledge Organiser

Comparative Essay Writing- Comparing the Impacts of Natural Disasters

Using our learning from our Geography lessons, we are going to compare which of two natural disasters was worse.



Case Studies

Mt. St. Helens (1980)
Loma Prieta earthquake (1989)
Hurricane Katrina (2005)



Causal (Links Causes & Effects)	Contrasting (Links Positives & Negatives) (Comparing Different Points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• as a result• because• consequently• due to the fact• for this reason• therefore	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• although• but• even though• however• on the other hand• whereas

Features of Comparative Essay Writing

Comparative language - adjectives and words ending with the suffix 'er' or '-est'

Fronted adverbials - these can be used to compare and contrast (on the other hand, furthermore)

Sub-headings - these help to add cohesion and organisation to essays

Research and evidence - facts and figures that can be used to draw comparisons between case studies

Conclusion - answering your essay question using the points you have made

Similarities and differences - these can be used to offer comparisons between case studies