**Both are popular**

**Both good pets**

**Both loving animals**

Dogs and Cats

When I first got my dog, Angel, she threw up on the floor of my car five minutes into our drive. From that moment, I couldn’t imagine my life without her. Three years later, we added a cat, Memphis, to our family. Things have not quite been the same since. Dogs and cats are both popular pets in the United States, but they share some similarities and some differences.

Dogs and cats have several similarities. First, dogs and cats are both popular animals because they are easy to care for and provide a lot of love. Oftentimes, cats especially can be left alone for a day as long as they have food and water; dogs can too, but are often more needy of attention. Another similarity between dogs and cats is that they are both good pets. When people come home to their pets, the pets are often at the door waiting for them to provide them with unconditional love. High popularity, easy to care for, and the overall ability to be good pets are all qualities that dogs and cats have in common.

Even though dogs and cats have a couple similarities, they share many differences. The first difference is in their history. Early dogs were actually wolves 12,000 years ago, perhaps tamed as campsite pets. On the other hand, early cats were wildcats 6,000 years ago, tamed to guard Egyptian grain supplies. Along with their history, dogs and cats come in different sizes. Modern dogs come in all shapes and sizes, from a 2-pound Chihuahua to a 200-pound mastiff. Adult house cats weigh between 8 and 20 pounds. Finally, the history and size differences relate to how the animals behave in people’s homes. Since dogs came from wolves, they are social creatures. But cats came from solitary wildcats, making them more loner animals. Dogs and cats are quite different.

In the end, choosing between a dog and a cat can be simple, but it is important to understand how they are similar and how they are different to make the best choice.

**Instructions:**

Use the Venn Diagram with both readings to brainstorm what is similar and what is different.

**Create a Compare/Contrast Essay. There are two options to how to write the paper. One is written below for you. Use the following outline to help you, which includes your introduction and conclusion that are already done for you and complete.**

**Historical Fiction vs. NonFiction**

**CLAIM: Your opinion about which is better suited for teaching history.**

**EXAMPLE CLAIM:** When looking at the history of Pearl Harbor, it is easy to see that Lauren Tarshis, author of I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941, ***does a better job at teaching about the history*** of the event than reading about it from a textbook or online source.

*Don’t forget to embed FOUR direct quotes or paraphrased examples WITH citations within the BODY paragraphs*

Body paragraphs:

* One Paragraph on similarities
* One Paragraph on differences

Conclusion: states how the author of fiction used or altered history with one example.

Other key elements:

* Transitions: words or phrase that connects or ties two ideas together smoothly
* Compare vocabulary: like, some, both, the same as, in the same way, most important, similarly, too, as well as
* Contrast vocabulary: although, however, differ, unlike, even though, yet, but, instead, on the other hand, whereas, while
* FOUR examples of EMBEDDED cited evidence (can be direct quotes, paraphrased examples, or summaries) with the citation at the end of the sentence. For examples, see your flippy and/or homework from this week.