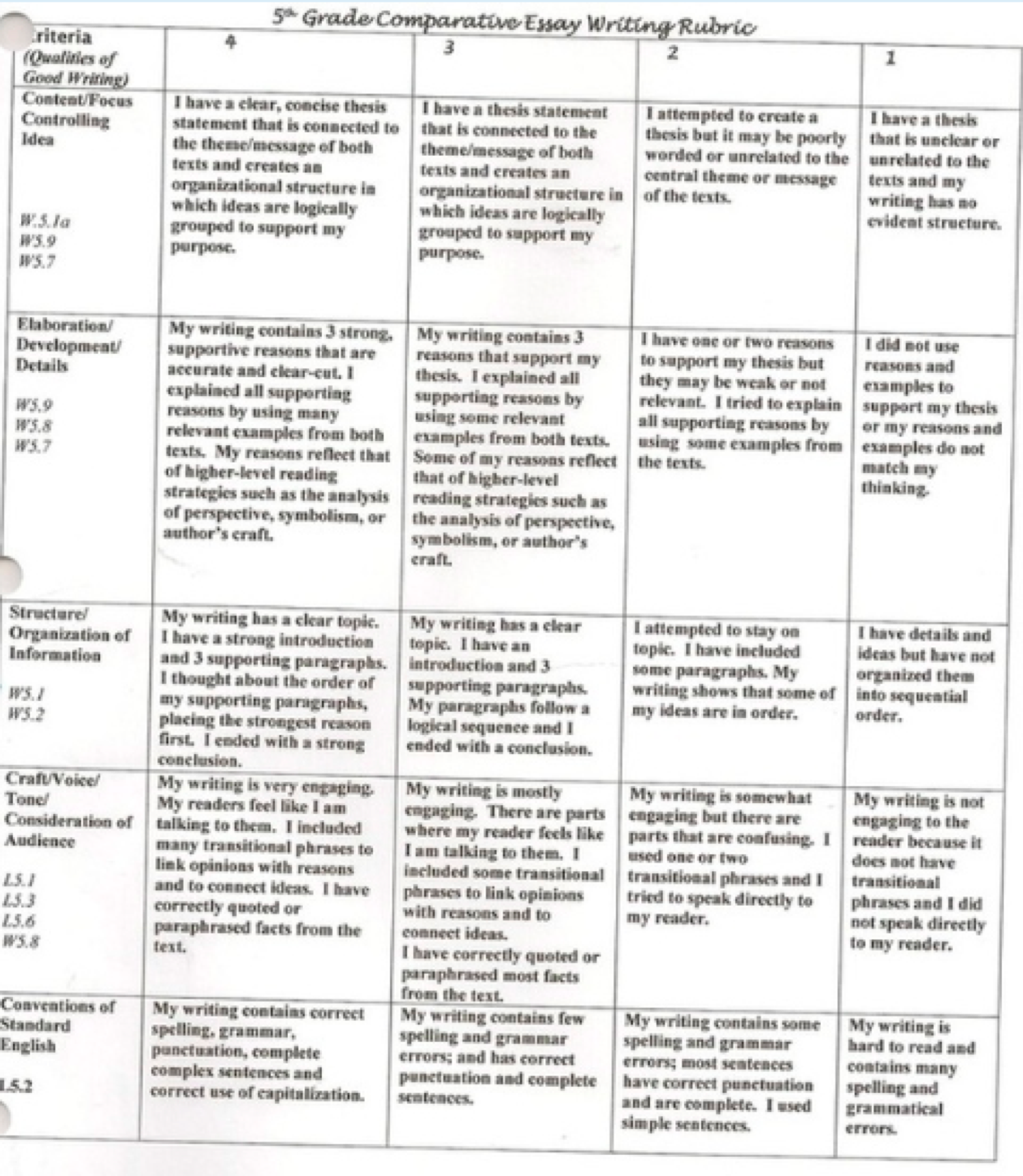
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**Task for Comparative Essays Using: Last Kiss and Growing Pains**

**Read The Short Story Last Kiss by Ralph Fletcher and the poem Growing Pains by**

**Jean Little. You will use the two passages to compare and contrast the text with**

**similar themes and develop a thesis/ claim that applies to both stories and a**

**common message.**

**In your response, be sure to:**

**- Introduce a topic**

**- use details from the stories to support your answers**

**- Organize ad connect your ideas in your writing**

**- Provide a closing statement in your writing**

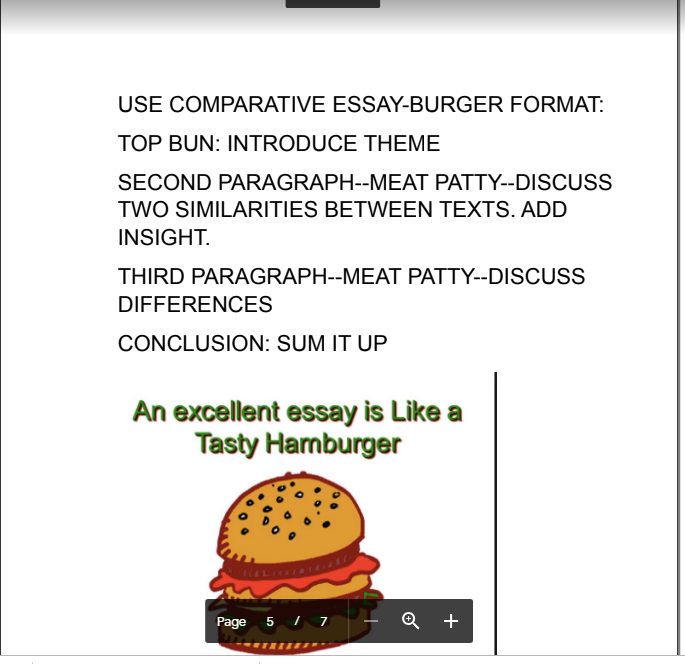
**- Use transition words**

**- Check your writing for complete sentences, capitalization, punctuation and**

**Spelling.**

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**Please use the comparative essay structure handout I gave to determine the best structure:**

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