Comparative Essay - Louis XIV vs Peter the Great

**Compare** - estimate, measure, or note the similarity or dissimilarity between.

**Contrast** - the state of being strikingly different from something else

Why is this a useful strategy? It is important to view things from more than one perspective. When we compare and contrast, we can find common themes and determine like strategies or concepts that worked or didn’t work. When we contrast, we are looking for different approaches that either led to the success or failure of the concept at hand.

Your first classwork grade will consist of writing a 5 paragraph essay comparing and contrasting Peter the Great and Louis XIV. You should frame your paper in the following manner.

1. Introduction – Has a catchy topic sentence and sets the expectation for what the reader will read
2. What is absolutism? – Explain the concept of absolutism and how it impacted Europe in the 17th century
3. Compare Peter the Great and Louis XIV – What things about them were alike?
4. Contrast Peter the Great and Louis XIV – How were they different?
5. Conclusion -Your final thoughts. Do you have an opinion on who was better between Louis and Peter? What inferences did you draw from comparing/ contrasting?

Final thoughts: Use Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial 12-point font. A paragraph is at least 5 full sentences. Be sure to indent at the start of each paragraph. Remember to create your own original content. Any copying and pasting will result in a zero.

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