



## KINKAJOUS VS. WINNIE THE POOH

This lesson is a silly, but factual, comparison between a kinkajou and Winnie the Pooh. Both, the live kinkajou and the cartoon character Winnie the Pooh love honey and are called, “Honey Bears.” However, they are very different creatures. Use this lesson to teach your students how to write a compare and contrast essay.

NOTE: This lesson can address the following Common Core State Standards: CCSS.ELA.LITERACY.W.K.2, W.1.2, W.2.2, W.3.2, W.3.2.A, W.3.2.B, W.3.2.C, W.3.2.D, W.4.2, W.4.2.A, W.4.2.B, W.4.2.C, W.4.2.D, W.4.2.E, W.5.2, W.5.2.A, W.5.2.B, W.5.2.C, W.5.2.D and W.5.2.E

Here’s the lesson!

1. Tell the story line: You’re going to write a compare and contrast essay about two creatures. The first is a cartoon character called Winnie the Pooh. The second is a real animal called the ‘Kinkajou.’
2. Brainstorm or teach facts about Winnie the Pooh. These facts were gathered from the Winnie the Pooh book series written by A. A. Milne. Winnie the Pooh:
  - Lives in inside a tree in The Hundred Acre Wood
  - Has yellow fur and soft paws.
  - Wears a red shirt
  - Eats honey
  - Is diurnal (sleeping at night)
  - Is friendly and has a lot of friends
3. Brainstorm or teach facts about the kinkajou. These facts were gathered from the Carolina Tiger Rescue in North Carolina. A kinkajou:
  - Lives in the rainforest on the tops of trees
  - Has thick, brown fur
  - Has sharp claws
  - Has sharp teeth
  - Has a long powerful tail
  - Has a long tongue
  - Eats honey, nectar, insects and frogs
  - Is nocturnal (awake at night)
  - Is born in tree holes
  - Is related to the Raccoon
  - Is aggressive
  - Babies are called = “kits”
  - Babies hiss when they’re scared
  - Moms chirp to comfort their baby
4. Teach the facts in the boxes below about kinkajous and Winnie the Pooh. For younger students, you can simply read these facts to them and discuss them. For older students, you can give them their own Bio Box to read, discuss and refer to when they write.



5. Show the 5 Sections:

Engaging Introduction  
Main Idea/Similarities  
Winnie the Pooh  
Kinkajous  
Conclusion

Remember: K-1<sup>st</sup> Graders are encouraged to write 1 sentence for each section,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Graders 2 sentences, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders 3 sentences and so on.

6. Encourage writers to use any of the following words in their writing:

*First of all, In contrast, For example, especially, another, also, because, and, more, but*

Now to write!

Show the following 5 sections on the whiteboard. Then, guide the students through each step. They are free to use their own words.

7. Write an introduction that engages the reader. Ask the reader questions about honey, kinkajous or Winnie the Pooh.
8. Write the main idea that kinkajous and Winnie the Pooh both like honey but are actually very different.
9. Use facts from your fact sheet to write all about kinkajous.
10. Use facts from your fact sheet to write all about Winnie the Pooh.
11. Write a conclusion that restates the main idea. The conclusion can ask the reader their thoughts about kinkajous and Winnie the Pooh. The conclusion can encourage the reader to find other books or videos about kinkajous and Winnie the Pooh.



### Kinkajous vs. Winnie the Pooh Fact Sheets

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Facts about Winnie the Pooh. Winnie the Pooh:

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Facts about the kinkajou. These facts were gathered from the Carolina Tiger Rescue in North Carolina. A kinkajou:

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- Has sharp teeth
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Information in the above boxes was gathered from the following sources:

<https://carolinatigerrescue.org/species/kinkajou/> and the Winnie the Pooh Series, written by A.A.Milne