**Essential Question:**

How can writing a comparison piece to inform others about a topic?

**Standard: 4.W.4.1**

Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.

**Vocabulary words:**

Compare, similarities, resemble, parallel, graceful, slender, tusk, species, Asian, African



**Writing Sample- Proficient**

Kristy and Nick are just like my best friend and me. We are alike in some ways. On the other hand, there are several differences in our life styles. Both Kristy and Nick are about the same age. They live near each other just like my friend and me. They both live with their families. After dinner, Kristy and Nick complete their school assignments together. These two children may be alike in many ways. However, they have different lifestyles. They eat differently. While Kristy eats healthy foods such as fruit, milk and eggs, Nick prefers fast and unhealthy foods like pop tarts and soda. Kristy leaves promptly for school and Nick needs his mom to drive him there. After school, Kristy gets fresh air and exercise at her soccer practice, whereas Nick just sits idly in front of a television. Finally, unlike Kristy who takes better care of her body by showering and getting to bed early, Nick stays up late on school nights playing video games. These two children may have similarities in their lives, but their differences really shine forth.