

## Comparative Analysis Planning Worksheet

**Reminder:** For this paper assignment, you will be arguing for a greater understanding or realization that comes from putting the two *Globalization* essays in conversation with each another. Each text on its own would not lead to this understanding; only through the engagement of both texts can you achieve this important insight.

*\*Note: Unlike Paper 1 which asked you to closely analyze how effectively the author achieved his or her purpose in the essay, Paper 2 is asking you to argue for your own greater understanding as a result of reading these two texts together.*

A. Which two essays do you plan to analyze for Paper 2? Provide author's full name and the title of the essay in quotation marks. *(This should be included in **part 1** of your intro)*

Essay #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay #2: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Briefly summarize each essay in 1-2 clear, concise sentences for each text. *(Accurate brief summaries of each essay are necessary in **part 1** of your intro)*

**Summary of Essay #1:**

**Summary of Essay #2:**

C. What is the **thematic grounds for comparison** between these two essays? In other words, what primary theme(s) do they share, which raise an issue that you want to explore? *(You will articulate this in **part 1** of your intro)* \_\_\_\_\_

D. Refer back to the "Arguments Are Motivated by Problems" handout previously discussed. Following the guidelines and sample questions #1-4, come up with your own tentative question/problem that you wish to explore in your paper through the analysis of both texts *(This will serve as **part 2** of your intro)*:

E. Why does this issue (in "C" above) matter? How can exploring this issue benefit your reader and/or what is at stake (what does your reader stand to lose) by not exploring the issue further? *(This will be your "So what?" response, which should come somewhere in **your transition from part 2 to part 3** of your intro)*?

F. Your question should lead you to an argumentative response (your *claim*), which will be your argument for your own greater understanding about the primary theme(s) under analysis as a result of your careful analysis of specific elements of the two *Globalization* essays. What is your response to the question in "C" above? In other words, what is your own position and greater understanding of this issue? *(This will serve as **part 3** of your intro)*

G. What specific elements of each *Globalization* essay do you plan to analyze to help you develop and support your claim? *(These will serve as your topics and points of analysis in your main body paragraphs)*