

CONTRAST

The following is an example in 'Exploring the Psyche'. The student has achieved "relational understanding" by contrasting two different things.

Contrast	Show the important differences between things
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The Question

Show the difference between the East and West and make an argument for why modern science came out of the Western tradition instead of the Eastern.



What students commonly do

- They **only describe separately** the attitudes of the East and West **without highlighting the differences**.



An example of good work

The answer examines the characteristics of the Western and Eastern attitudes side by side and topic by topic such that their differences can be contrasted.

"The West places more emphasis on individual development and discovery of the world. They try to find out the principle that our Earth & its function base on [...] This arouses their urge for knowing the truth & willingness to investigate and explore; **whereas** the East emphasizes collectiveness rather than individualism [...] They believe in the "wholeness" which is the harmony with the world. They don't want to separate the world into true or false and not aim at controlling the environment by exploring the nature.

Difference between the East & West in terms of attitude towards man & nature

Development of the different attitudes highly attributes to the beliefs and philosophy of the two Worlds. Western religion like Christianity [...] emphaizes not the environment but people. They try to discover the resources of the nature & understand the concept & rules over it. **As for the East**, religions such as Buddhism [...] value "Suchness" [...] the concept of the present moment is very important. This explains why Easterners do not favour wars or argument but have the idea that harmony is the basis of happiness. They will utilize the environmental resources but not to destroy them as they rely on the environment to nurture them.

Difference between the East & West in terms of their philosophy & religion