You are back in classes after participating in a two month long exchange program during which you lived with a family and took classes. On your return to classes, your teacher suggests you take a writing test to verify that your language proficiency has improved enough to place into advanced level classes and receive credit for the language you have learned during your time abroad.

One of the topics in the writing assessment is a comparison of two cities:
- Your home town
- New York, or any other city you may have visited, or know about.

**Below are the directions for the writing assessment to take advanced level language classes.**

**Step 1:** You might want to brainstorm some ideas and write notes on the following topics about your city and New York, or the city you are writing about.

- Their sizes

- Their population, ethnic diversity

- Weather

- Life style

- Entertainment

- Things to do on weekends
Step 2: Organize your notes into paragraphs comparing the cities. Write three paragraphs of eight to ten (8-10) sentences each. Be sure to include an introduction and a closing paragraph.

Step 3: Revise your essay for content and accuracy. Pay particular attention to grammar and spelling. 
**Rating:** Holistic rubric for advanced writing, presentational

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