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9-Ruby	Compare and Contrast essay

Topic	Men in Sports
Title	Greatest to ever do it
Thesis Statement	Lebron James and Michael Jordan. Two names that have been paired against to see which one is better, is it Lebron with his passing and unselfish gamestyle or is it Mike's unrelenting and unphased approach to the game?

First Paragraph

Hook and Background	Basketball is one of the most popular sports in todays time. Ever since the days of Wilt Chamberlain, people have been debating on who's the greatest player to ever touch a basketball. Some people say its Kobe, some say its Kareem, but everyone must agree that it comes down to these 2 players. Lebron "The King" James and Michael "Air" Jordan.
Thesis Statement	These two iconic players have had long careers, not shortened by any injuries. They have proven themselves again and again but there can only be one player to be given the title of G.O.A.T.

Second Paragraph

First Topic/Topic Sentence	Both of them are great players who have impacted the game of basketball but as I said before, there can only be one, so we must look into their individual game-style.
Details From Reference	In the games that I have watched, Lebron and Michael Jordans game-styles are very

	different. Lebron James is a small forward but he's built like a power forward. He has the passing abilities of a point guard and the rebounding of a center with the shooting ability of a shooting guard. He's the mix of all 5 positions in the NBA, which makes him, arguably, the most versatile or most all-around player of all time. Lebron was hated for his disloyalty to his team while Michael Jordan on the other hand was loyal to the Chicago Bulls. Michael Jordan played shooting guard for the bulls for many years and he was athletic enough to play small forward. He was known for posterizing players who get in his way and his deadly midrange shot that defeated the Utah Jazz's and every other teams chance at the championship. He was also known for taking-over games in the clutch. He was mostly a scorer and when the game is on the line, give the ball to Michael and let him do the rest.
Personal Commentary	Both players have their own gamestyle but both their styles achieve the same goal of being able to carry their teams into a championship.

Third Paragraph

Second Topic/Topic sentence	They may be playing different positions but there was a reason Lebron was being compared to "Mike" even before he was drafted and that reason was that they were both great in their games.
Details from reference	Lebron and Mike are both super athletic and could jump over 40 inches. They were both very consistent scorers, Lebron averaged 27 points per game and Mike averaged 30. They

	were both elite defenders, both were selected for the NBA all-defensive 1 st and 2 nd teams during their primes. They used their athleticism, skills, game-iq to win and look good while doing it. They were both African-Americans who grew up in the US.
Personal commentary	They also have their similarities. There's just something with the way they play the game that lead them to greatness.

Fourth Paragraph

Third topic/topic sentence	Another side effect of their greatness is how influential they became.
Details from reference	Michael Jordan and LeBron James are one of the most influential athletes of all time. Kids looked up to them and use their careers as inspiration. An example of this is Kobe Bryant, he got copied and mastered Michael Jordans signature shots like his post fadeaway. Although there aren't many examples for LeBron, he is a great mentor to his kids, Bronny and Bryce James, who have a bright future in the NBA thanks to their father.
Personal Commentary	Despite their differences, they both have influenced and changed the game of basketball for years to come.

Restated Thesis Statement	Lebron James and Michael Jordan. Two names that have been paired against to see which one is better, is it Lebron with his passing and unselfish gamestyle or is it Mike's unrelenting and unphased approach to the game?
Closing statements	In summary, both players have their own sense of gameplay that worked well in the NBA and their influence caused a ripple effect on the league for years to come. How about

	you, who do you think is the greatest of all time?

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