

Comparing Perspectives: College and Opportunity Cost – Name: _____

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Directions: Read your assigned article. Use this organizer to track the main ideas, opportunity costs, and trade-offs discussed. Then, work with a partner who read the other article to compare and contrast.

1. Article Summary

Title of Article: _____

Main Argument / Claim:

Key Data or Examples:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. Opportunity Costs

What are the opportunity costs mentioned in this article?

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- _____
- _____
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3. Trade-Offs

What trade-offs are highlighted between going to college and not going to college?

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- _____
- _____
- _____

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4. Compare and Contrast

After sharing with your partner who read the other article, fill in the chart below:

Time Article: College is Worth It	Both Articles (Similar Ideas)	AP Article: Skipping College
Opportunity Costs:		Opportunity Costs:
Trade-Offs:		Trade-Offs:
Other Key Points:		Other Key Points:

5. Reflection

Based on both articles, what do you think YOUR opportunity cost would be for attending vs. not attending college? Which path feels most worth it to you right now, and why?
