

Compare and Contrast Essay

I. Introduction (thesis statement)

- The thesis must address the issues or themes specified.
 - **The thesis must address BOTH a similarity and a difference.**
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II. Topic Sentence: Point of Comparison 1

A. How are they alike?

B. Why? Give one reason

C. How are they different?

D. Why? Give one reason

E. Clincher Sentence: Ties the paragraph together and links it to the thesis. “Commentary”—why is that sim or dif important?

III. Topic Sentence: Point of Comparison 2

A. How are they alike?

B. Why? Give one reason

C. How are they different?

D. Why? Give one reason

E. Clincher Sentence: Ties the paragraph together and links it to the thesis. “Commentary”—why is that sim or dif important?

IV. Topic Sentence: Point of Comparison 3

A. How are they alike?

B. Why? Give one reason

C. How are they different?

D. Why? Give one reason

E. Clincher Sentence: Ties the paragraph together and links it to the thesis. “Commentary”—why is that sim or dif important?

V. Concluding Paragraph (Reinforces thesis, synthesizes clincher sentences, addresses “So What?”)
