

Compare and Contrast Essay Outline Template

1. Introduction

- a. Introduce the broad topic
- b. Specific topic
- c. Thesis statement

2. Body paragraph #1—First aspect that's similar or different

- a. Subject #1
 - i. Detail #1
 - ii. Detail #2
- b. Subject #2
 - i. Detail #1
 - ii. Detail #2

3. Body paragraph #2—Second aspect that's similar or different

- a. Subject #1
 - i. Detail #1
 - ii. Detail #2
- b. Subject #2
 - i. Detail #1
 - ii. Detail #2

4. Body paragraph #3—Third aspect that's similar or different

- a. Subject #1
 - i. Detail #1
 - ii. Detail #2
- b. Subject #2
 - i. Detail #1
 - ii. Detail #2

5. Conclusion

- a. Summary of main points—Restate thesis while synthesizing information from body paragraphs
- b. Evaluate the similarities/differences and discuss any future implications (if applicable)
- c. Significance—what's the point?