

## COMPARISON ESSAY OUTLINE

This is the basic essay structure for a comparison essay in the **POINT-BY-POINT** method. Each CD (concrete detail-EVIDENCE) would be followed by at least two CMs (commentaries/explanation and analysis of EVIDENCE) that analyzes the CD and connects it to the thesis.

### Intro Paragraph

CONTEXT \_\_\_\_\_  
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THESIS/ARGUMENT \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Body Paragraph 1 Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_ (S or D)

**Body CLAIM 1** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Body 1A CD** \_\_\_\_\_  
CM 1A \_\_\_\_\_  
CM 2A \_\_\_\_\_

**Body 1B CD** \_\_\_\_\_  
CM 1B \_\_\_\_\_  
CM 2B \_\_\_\_\_

**Body 1 C/C (Compare and contrast)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Complexity** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Transition** \_\_\_\_\_

**Body Paragraph 2 Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(S or D)**

**Body CLAIM 2** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Body 2A CD** \_\_\_\_\_

CM 1A \_\_\_\_\_

CM 2A \_\_\_\_\_

**Body 2B CD** \_\_\_\_\_

CM 1B \_\_\_\_\_

CM 2B \_\_\_\_\_

**Body 2 C/C (Compare and contrast)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Complexity** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Transition** \_\_\_\_\_

**Body Paragraph 3-COUNTERARGUMENT Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(S or D)**

**Body CLAIM 2** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Body 2A CD** \_\_\_\_\_

CM 1A \_\_\_\_\_

CM 2A \_\_\_\_\_

**Body 2B CD** \_\_\_\_\_

CM 1B \_\_\_\_\_

CM 2B \_\_\_\_\_

**Body 2 C/C (Compare and contrast)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complexity** \_\_\_\_\_

**Transition** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion Paragraph**

**Restatement of major ideas/points in thesis** \_\_\_\_\_

**Connections** \_\_\_\_\_