

Outline for a Compare/Contrast Essay Organized
“By Similarities and Differences”

S & D

I. Introduction: State thesis and introduce the subjects.

II. Body Paragraph #1: Compare both subjects.

III. Body Paragraph #2: Contrast both subjects.

(Add more body paragraphs if needed to further compare/contrast the subjects.)

IV. Conclusion: Revisit thesis. (Optional Commentary/Reflection)

Outline for a Compare/Contrast Essay
“By Similarities and Differences”



Compare Subject 1 and Subject 2 (Similarities): ○ = ○

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Contrast Subject 1 and Subject 2 (Differences): ○ ≠ △

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Outline for a Compare/Contrast Essay Organized
“Subject by Subject”

S x S

- I. **Introduction: State thesis and introduce the subjects.**

- II. **Body Paragraph #1: Discuss the features of the subject 1.**

- III. **Body Paragraph #2: Compare and Contrast the features subject 2 with the features of the subject 1.**

(Add more body paragraphs if needed to further compare/contrast the subjects.)

- IV. **Conclusion: Revisit thesis. (Optional Commentary/Reflection)**

Outline for a Compare/Contrast Essay
“Subject-by-Subject”



Subject 1:

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Subject 2:

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Feature: _____

Outline for a Compare/Contrast Essay Organized
“Feature by Feature”

F x F

- I. **Introduction: State thesis and introduce the subjects.**

- II. **Body Paragraph #1: Compare & Contrast one feature of each subject.**

- III. **Body Paragraph #2: Compare & Contrast one feature of each subject.**

- IV. **Body Paragraph #3: Compare & Contrast one feature of each subject.**

(Add more body paragraphs if needed to compare/contrast additional features.)

- V. **Conclusion: Revisit thesis. (Optional Commentary/Reflection)**

Outline for a Compare/Contrast Essay
“Feature-by-Feature”



Feature:

Subject 1: _____

Subject 2: _____

Feature:

Subject 1: _____

Subject 2: _____

Feature:

Subject 1: _____

Subject 2: _____

Feature:

Subject 1: _____

Subject 2: _____

Name _____ Date _____ Per _____

**Outline for a Compare/Contrast Essay
“Compare-Contrast-Connect - C³”**

- I. Introduction: State thesis and introduce both subjects**

- II. Body Paragraph #1: Summarize important features-Subject #1
(for basis of comparison in paragraph #2)**

- III. Body Paragraph #2: Summarize features of Subject #2 by
contrasting against subject #1**

- IV. Body Paragraph #3: Connect the two subjects showing
significance or offering an argument**

- V. Conclusion: Revisit thesis. (Optional Commentary/Reflection)**

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Outline for a Compare/Contrast Essay “Compare-Contrast-Connect - C³”

COMPARE: Present important features of Subject #1

Subject #1:

Feature _____

Feature _____

Feature _____

Feature _____

CONTRAST: Present features of Subject #2 by comparing and contrasting against Subject #1

Subject #2:

Feature/alike _____

Feature/alike _____

Feature/different _____

Feature/different _____

CONNECT: Show significance between or offer an argument about the subjects presented

Subject #1 and #2:

Significance/Argument _____

Support/Evidence _____