

Compare and Contrast Essay Template

Title of Essay: _____

Your Name: _____

Date: _____

Introduction

1. Hook (Start with an interesting fact, question, or quote):

2. Background Information (Briefly introduce the two subjects you are comparing):

3. Thesis Statement (State the main point of comparison/contrast):

Body Paragraph 1 – Similarities

Topic Sentence (What is similar between the two subjects?):

• Similarity 1: _____ (Example: _____)

• Similarity 2: _____ (Example: _____)

• Similarity 3: _____ (Example: _____)

Concluding Sentence for Paragraph 1:

Body Paragraph 2 – Differences

Topic Sentence (What is different between the two subjects?):

- Difference 1: _____ (Example: _____)
- Difference 2: _____ (Example: _____)
- Difference 3: _____ (Example: _____)

Concluding Sentence for Paragraph 2:

Conclusion

1. Restate Thesis in a new way:

2. Summarize Key Similarities and Differences:

3. Final Thought / Opinion / Recommendation:

Optional: Use a **Venn Diagram** to brainstorm similarities and differences before writing.

