

Comparative Essay Outline Planner

Alternating Method

Introduction: Introduce the texts and essay topic and remember to italicize titles

Three Main Features/Arguments to be developed in the essay:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Thesis statement: remember you are not proving that they are comparable

Body Paragraph #1 (About Feature A)

Topic Sentence (describe the feature to be examined): _____

Point	Proof (textual evidence)	Analysis (significance)
Text #1		
Text #2		
Comparison/contrast		

Concluding Sentence: _____

Body Paragraph #2 (About Feature B)

Topic Sentence (describe the feature to be examined): _____

Point	Proof (textual evidence)	Analysis (significance)
Text #1		
Text #2		
Comparison/contrast		

Concluding Sentence: _____

Body Paragraph #3 (About Feature C)

Topic Sentence (describe the feature to be examined): _____

Point	Proof (textual evidence)	Analysis (significance)
Text #1		
Text #2		
Comparison/contrast		

Concluding Sentence: _____

Conclusion

Restate the thesis: _____

Restate the three features/arguments discussed in the essay:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

General concluding points: _____
