



# Essay writing

## Compare and contrast essay planner

A compare and contrast essay looks at how two texts are similar or different.

A compare and contrast essay (or response) could look like this:

INTRODUCTION	Statement of issue (thesis)	Preview	
	BODY	Theme (text a)	Point
Evidence			
Theme (text b)		Point	<b>Paragraph starters:</b> <i>In contrast ...</i> <i>Similarly ...</i>
		Evidence	
Setting (text a)		Point	<b>Paragraph starter:</b> <i>The setting of (text a) ...</i>
		Evidence	
Setting (text b)	Point	<b>Paragraph starters:</b> <i>In comparison ...</i> <i>Likewise ...</i>	
	Evidence		
Characterisation (text a)	Point	<b>Paragraph starter:</b> <i>The characters in text (a) ...</i>	
	Evidence		
Characterisation (text b)	Point	<b>Paragraph starters:</b> <i>On the other hand ...</i> <i>In the same way ...</i>	
	Evidence		
CONCLUSION	Reinforcement of thesis	Summary	<b>Paragraph starters:</b> <i>In conclusion ...</i> <i>Consequently ...</i>
		Recommendation	

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Drawing a diagram or table that displays the similarities and differences between texts can help with essay planning.

	Text A	Text B
Theme		
Setting		
Characterisation		