## CHAIN STRUCTURE TEMPLATE

Point-by-Point Organization

## **BASIC OUTLINE**

- **I. Introduction** Hook/opening statement Background context Thesis statement (mention both subjects A and B)
- II. Point 1 Subject A's aspect Subject B's aspect Comparison/contrast analysis
- III. Point 2 Subject A's aspect Subject B's aspect Comparison/contrast analysis
- IV. Point 3 Subject A's aspect Subject B's aspect Comparison/contrast analysis
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{V\!.}}$  Conclusion - Restate thesis - Summary of key findings - Final thought or recommendation

## **EXAMPLE:** Cats vs. Dogs

- **I. Introduction** Hook: "Choosing between cats and dogs affects lifestyle." Context: Both are popular pets Thesis: Cats and dogs differ in care requirements, personality, and cost
- **II. Care Requirements** Cats: Independent, litter box, minimal grooming Dogs: Need walks, outdoor bathroom, regular grooming Analysis: Dogs require more time and effort
- **III. Personality** Cats: Aloof, quiet, solitary Dogs: Social, energetic, loyal Analysis: Dogs better for active, social owners
- **IV. Cost** Cats: Lower food/vet expenses Dogs: Higher food/vet/training expenses Analysis: Cats more budget-friendly
- $\boldsymbol{V}\!.$  Conclusion - Choice depends on owner's lifestyle and budget - Both make rewarding companions

BEST FOR: Essays over 1,500 words, detailed analysis, complex comparisons