

## BLANK OUTLINE TEMPLATES

### 1. Point-by-Point Compare and Contrast Essay Outline (Blank Template)

Essay Title: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. INTRODUCTION

A. Hook / Attention Grabber

→ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Background Information (2–4 sentences)

→ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Thesis Statement (including comparison points)

→ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### II. BODY PARAGRAPH 1 – CRITERION 1: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Topic Sentence

→ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Subject A

• Main point: \_\_\_\_\_

• Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

• Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Transition Phrase

→ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Subject B

• Main point: \_\_\_\_\_

• Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

• Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

E. Explicit Comparison

→ \_\_\_\_\_

F. Transition to next paragraph

→ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### III. BODY PARAGRAPH 2 – CRITERION 2: \_\_\_\_\_

(repeat same structure as above)

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**IV. BODY PARAGRAPH 3 – CRITERION 3: \_\_\_\_\_**

(repeat same structure as above)

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**V. CONCLUSION**

A. Restated Thesis

→ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Summary of Main Comparisons

→ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Broader Implications

→ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Final Insight / Closing Thought

→ \_\_\_\_\_

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**) 2. Block Method Compare and Contrast Outline (Blank Template)**

**Essay Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A. Hook

→ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Background Information

→ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Thesis Statement

→ \_\_\_\_\_

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**II. SUBJECT A – COMPLETE ANALYSIS**

Criterion 1:

• Main point: \_\_\_\_\_

• Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

• Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

Criterion 2:

• Main point: \_\_\_\_\_

• Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

• Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

Criterion 3:

- Main point: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

Transition to Subject B:

→ \_\_\_\_\_

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### III. SUBJECT B – COMPLETE ANALYSIS

Criterion 1:

- Main point: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_
- Comparison to A: \_\_\_\_\_

Criterion 2:

- Main point: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_
- Comparison to A: \_\_\_\_\_

Criterion 3:

- Main point: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_
- Comparison to A: \_\_\_\_\_

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### IV. CONCLUSION

A. Restated Thesis

→ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Summary of Differences and Similarities

→ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Broader Impact / Importance

→ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Final Thought

→ \_\_\_\_\_

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**My Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_

**Introduction**

- Hook: \_\_\_\_\_
- What my topics are: \_\_\_\_\_
- My main idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Body Paragraph 1 — How they are similar**

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject A: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject B: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Body Paragraph 2 — How they are different**

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject A: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject B: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Conclusion**

- What I learned: \_\_\_\_\_
- Which one I like best (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. College-Level Advanced Compare and Contrast Template**

**Research Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method:**  Point-by-Point  Block Method

**I. Introduction**

Hook / Statistic / Quotation:

→ \_\_\_\_\_

Context / Background:

→ \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Thesis (with 3 criteria):

→ Although \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ share \_\_\_\_\_, they differ in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, revealing \_\_\_\_\_.

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**II. Criterion 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Subject A

- Theory/Concept: \_\_\_\_\_
- Academic Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence/Quote: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject B

- Theory/Concept: \_\_\_\_\_
- Academic Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence/Quote: \_\_\_\_\_
- Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

Comparison Insight: \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. Criterion 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

(repeat same format)

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**IV. Criterion 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

(repeat same format)

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**V. Conclusion**

- Restated Thesis (refined)
- Synthesis
- Global significance
- Final assertion