

Grid-style outlines for Compare/Contrast papers

Fill in your evidence/ideas and then decide if you'd like to discuss
one **THING** at a time or one **CATEGORY** at a time

OPTION 1 - Organize by "THING (Book, Author, etc)"

Introduction (approx 2 paragraphs) Notes about Context/Background information Research Question => answered by the thesis statement that you will prove via ideas + evidence Paste RQ + Thesis here NOW - write the Introduction last, once you have a full sense of your paper.	
Thing 1 (an author, book, movie, concept)	Thing 2 (another author, book, etc)
Category A - a way of looking at that thing	Category A - the same way of looking at that thing
Category B - another way of looking at that thing	Category B - another way of looking at that thing
Category C?	Category C?
Conclusion Summarize Restate Main point - PROVE the thesis Write this LAST - you can leave this part of the outline BLANK	

OPTION 2 - organize by CATEGORY

Introduction (approx 2 paragraphs) Notes about Context/Background information Research Question => answered by the thesis statement that you will prove via ideas + evidence Paste RQ + Thesis here NOW - write the Introduction last, once you have a full sense of your paper.		
Category A (a way of looking at the 2-3 things)	Category B (a way of looking at the 2-3 things)	Category C (another way of looking at the 2-3 things)
Thing 1 (a book, author, film, idea) List the evidence/ideas about how to look at this thing according to category A	Thing 2 (another author, book, etc) Include all of the evidence/ideas about how to look at this thing according to category B	Thing 3? Include all of the evidence/ideas about how to look at this thing according to category C
Conclusion Summarize Restate Main point - PROVE the thesis		

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