

COMPARE AND CONTRAST WRITING

This template is to be used with the completed graphic organizer titled “Open Compare and Contrast.”

Paragraph 1 This paragraph is an introduction to your writing.

Sentence 1: Write the conclusion from the graphic organizer. It should include the names of the two things that you are comparing and contrasting.

Sentence 2: Write a sentence to elaborate on the first one – giving more information about your topic.

Sentence 3: The last sentence should related to your reader that the two things that you are comparing have similarities and differences.

Paragraph 2 This paragraph will explain the similarities that the two share. (Before you begin this paragraph, you need to choose the three best similarities from your graphic organizer. Number them in order of importance from 1, the most, to 3, the least.)

Sentence 1: This is a topic sentence to tell the reader that the paragraph will contain similarities.

Sentences 2 & 3: State the similarity that you choose as #2. Follow sentence 2 with an example of how each of the two things you are comparing meet the similarity.

Sentences 4 & 5: State the similarity that you choose as #3. Follow sentence 4 with an elaboration about how the two things you are comparing meet the similarity.

Sentence 6 & 7: State the most important similarity and follow it with an elaborative sentence about the two things and how they share this commonality.

Paragraph 3 This paragraph is to discuss the differences of the two things. (Again choose the 3 best categories and number them from best to least.)

Sentence 1: This is a transition sentence between the two paragraphs. It should connect them. An example: “Although ___ and ___ have similarities, they also have differences.”

Sentences 2 & 3: Write a sentence using the third category. Discuss how each of the two things is different with regard to this category. (You may also write additional sentences giving specific examples.)

Sentences 4 & 5: Write a sentence discussing the category you numbered two. Follow it how each of the two are different in this regard. (You may also write additional sentences giving specific examples.)

Sentence 6 & 7: Write a sentence discussing the most important difference. Tell the reader how each is different in this regard. (You may follow this with specific examples.)

Paragraph 4 This is your concluding paragraph.

Sentences 1 & 2: This is your opportunity to impress the reader with your conclusion. However, it needs to be written a different way from paragraph 1. The last sentence is what the reader will remember best.