

Comparison/Contrast: Point-by-Point

I. Introduction paragraph

- General intro about both subjects
- Opposite of what you will discuss – main points (comparison/contrast)
- Ends with the thesis that answers prompt = what is to be proven

Example

“Although high school and college are academic in nature, they are really worlds apart.”

II. Topic/Point

- A. Side one example
- B. Side two example
- C. “Clincher”

Example

Pace: HS-slower; College-fast

III. Topic/Point #2

- A. Side one example
- B. Side two example

Example

Social life: HS-cliquish, more time; College-diverse, less time

IV. Topic/Point

- A. Side one example
- B. Side two example

Example

Responsibility: HS-less; College-more

V. Conclusion

- Restate thesis and main points
- Ends with a “so what” statement