

THE BLOCK METHOD

Compare Contrast Essay (Literature)

Prompt/Topic/Question:

INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH

General Introduction

Introduce the topic of your essay

Topic Sentence

Introduce the two texts, genres, authors and the common topic they discuss

Thesis Statement

Introduce your two points – one similarity, one difference

FIRST BODY PARAGRAPH (Text A)

Topic Sentence

Genre; title; your two points about Text A – do not copy your thesis!

To begin with, in the (genre) “(Title)”, (2 points).

Point 1 Statement

Specific to point 1

Textual Evidence <i>Introduce the quote first; use quotation marks; end with a citation</i>	
Explanation <i>How does the quote connect to the thesis? Why is the quote important?</i>	This quote demonstrates that...
Point 2 Statement <i>Make it specific to point 2; Begin with a transition word</i>	
Textual Evidence <i>Introduce the quote first; use quotation marks; end with a citation</i>	
Explanation <i>How does the quote connect to the thesis? Why is the quote important?</i>	This quote illustrates that...
Concluding Sentence <i>About <u>Text A</u></i>	Therefore...

SECOND BODY PARAGRAPH (Text B)

Topic Sentence
Genre; title; your two points about Text B – do not copy your thesis!

(Transition word), in the (genre) “(Title)”, (2 points).

Point 1 Statement
Specific to point 1

Textual Evidence
Introduce the quote first; use quotation marks; end with a citation

Explanation
Why is the quote important? In what way is this similar to Text A, Point 1?

This quote reveals that...

Point 2 Statement
Make it specific to point 2; Begin with a transition word

Textual Evidence
Introduce the quote first; use quotation marks; end with a citation

<p>Explanation <i>Why is the quote important? In what way is it different from Text A, Point 2?</i></p>	<p>This quote implies that...</p>
<p>Concluding Sentence <i>About Text B</i></p>	<p>Thus...</p>

CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH

<p>Restate Thesis <i>Using different words</i></p>	<p>In conclusion,</p>
<p>Summary of Arguments <i>About Text A</i></p>	
<p>Summary of Arguments <i>About Text B</i></p>	
<p>Final Thought <i>What is the importance of the topic? What are the implications?</i></p>	