

ORGANIZATIONAL PATTERNS FOR COMPARE-CONTRAST ESSAY TYPES

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| BLOCK METHOD | | POINT-BY-POINT METHOD | |
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| In this outline method you write <u>a comparison and contrast essay</u> . | | In this outline method you write either <u>a comparison essay or a contrast essay</u> . | |
| Similarities and differences arrangement | Subject-by-subject arrangement | A comparison essay | A contrast essay |
| <p>** The Introductory Paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give background information about the topic. - Remember to use attention grabbers (quotes, questions, proverbs, statistics, etc.) - Your thesis Statement: e.g. <u>Although there are similarities between science fiction series and soap operas</u>, they also differ from each other. <p>** 1st Body Paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write a topic sentence: e.g. Science fiction series and soap operas are similar to each other in some aspects <p>- Write “the similarities between science fiction series and soap operas” in the following sentences coherently.</p> <p>** 2nd Body Paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write a topic sentence: e.g. In spite of (such/these) similarities, there are some evident differences between science fiction series and soap operas. <p>Before the topic sentence, remember to write <u>a transition phrase</u>: e.g. In spite of (such/these) similarities, e.g. Despite (such/these) similarities,</p> | <p>** The Introductory Paragraph</p> <p>It is the same as that in the “<i>Similarities and differences arrangement</i>”</p> <p>A sample thesis statement: “<i>Bülent Ersoy and Tarkan have got several similarities as well as differences in many ways.</i>”</p> <p>** 1st Body Paragraph</p> <p>Only write about <u>Bülent Ersoy</u> with respect to her <u>fans</u>, <u>songs</u> and <u>living style</u>”.</p> <p>** 2nd Body Paragraph</p> <p>Only write about <u>Tarkan</u> with respect to his <u>fans</u>, <u>songs</u> and <u>living style</u>”.</p> <p>Before the first sentence, remember to write <u>a transition phrase</u>: e.g. <u>When it comes to</u> Tarkan, e.g. <u>As for</u> Tarkan,</p> <p>** The Concluding Paragraph</p> <p>It is the same as that in the “<i>Similarities and differences arrangement</i>”</p> | <p>** The Introductory Paragraph</p> <p>It is similar to that in the “<i>Similarities and differences arrangement</i>” except for the thesis statement because it only involves the <u>similarities</u>.</p> <p>A sample thesis statement: “There are some <u>similarities</u> between sci-fi and adventure movies in terms of <u>their subject</u>, <u>shooting location</u>, and <u>cast</u>”.</p> <p>** 1st Body Paragraph</p> <p>Write about the similarities related to the first point, i.e. <u>their subjects</u>.</p> <p>** 2nd Body Paragraph</p> <p>Write about the similarities related to the second point, i.e. <u>their shooting location</u>.</p> <p>** 3rd Body Paragraph</p> <p>Write about the similarities related to the third point, i.e. <u>their cast</u>.</p> <p>** The Concluding Paragraph</p> <p>It is the same as that in the “<i>Similarities and differences arrangement</i>”</p> | <p>** The Introductory Paragraph</p> <p>It is similar to that in the “<i>Similarities and differences arrangement</i>” except for the thesis statement because it only involves the <u>differences</u>.</p> <p>A sample thesis statement: “There are some <u>differences</u> between sci-fi and adventure movies in terms of <u>their subject</u>, <u>shooting location</u>, and <u>cast</u>”.</p> <p>** 1st Body Paragraph</p> <p>Write about the differences related to the first point, i.e. <u>their subjects</u>.</p> <p>** 2nd Body Paragraph</p> <p>Write about the differences related to the second point, i.e. <u>their shooting location</u>.</p> <p>** 3rd Body Paragraph</p> <p>Write about the differences related to the third point, i.e. <u>their cast</u>.</p> <p>** The Concluding Paragraph</p> <p>It is the same as that in the “<i>Similarities and differences arrangement</i>”</p> |

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| <p>-Write “the differences between science fiction series and soap operas” in the following sentences coherently.</p> <p>** The Concluding Paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use the phrases like “<i>In summary, ..</i>”- Rewrite the thesis statement.- You may summarize several main similarities and differences in a single sentence.- Final Thought (Your own opinions, advice, predictions, suggestions) | | | |
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