

# 5 Paragraph Compare and Contrast Essay Outline

## A. Introduction

- a. Introduction to the broad topic
- b. Specific topic
- c. Thesis statement

## B. Body Paragraphs

- a. Body paragraph #1—First aspect that's similar or different
  - i. Subject #1
    1. Detail #1
    2. Detail #2
  - ii. Subject #2
    1. Detail #1
    2. Detail #2
- b. Body paragraph #2—Second aspect that's similar or different
  - i. Subject #1
    1. Detail #1
    2. Detail #2
  - ii. Subject #2
    1. Detail #1
    2. Detail #2
- c. Body paragraph #3—Third aspect that's similar or different
  - i. Subject #1
    1. Detail #1
    2. Detail #2
  - ii. Subject #2
    1. Detail #1
    2. Detail #2

## C. Conclusion

- a. Summary of main points—Restate thesis while synthesizing information from body paragraphs
- b. Evaluate the similarities/differences and discuss any future implications (if applicable)
- c. Significance—what's the point you're making?