

## Practice in Comparison or Contrast

**Organize the following supporting details into a block outline, and a point-by-point outline.**

### **Laundry 1898**

1. My grandmother boiled water for laundry in the same black cauldron where she made lye soap.
2. She shaved a bar of lye soap into chips, which she put in the boiling water.
3. After sorting her family's clothes, she placed several items of clothing into the soapy water and boiled them for a few minutes.
4. She lifted each piece of clothing out of the water with a sturdy hardwood stick.
5. She rubbed any stain with a bar of lye soap.
6. She scrubbed the clothes on a ripply washboard.
7. She rinsed clothes in another tub of cold water.
8. She wrung out the clothes in a wringer.
9. Afterwards, she took the clothes outside and pinned them to the clothesline.
10. Then she ironed everything.
11. She heated the flat irons on her wood cookstove.
12. At last, she would fold each item of clothing or hang it in the oak wardrobe.

### **Laundry 2010**

1. I buy my soap, which comes in powdered or liquid form, at the grocery store.
2. I also buy bleach, stain remover, and fabric softener (either liquid or sheets).
3. I sort my clothes and use stain remover on any spots I find.
4. I set my automatic washing machine to the proper setting and put soap in the machine as it fills.
5. I place the clothes, sorted according to color and fabric, in the machine.
6. The hot water comes from a gas water heater through the pipes into the machine.
7. After the cycle is finished, about twenty minutes later, I take the clothes out of the washing machine.
8. I quickly place them in the automatic dryer, along with a fabric softening sheet.
9. I choose the correct setting by turning a knob.
10. Then I press a button to start the dryer.
11. When the clothes are dry, I take them out and only need to iron a few items with an electric iron.
12. Finally, I fold the clothes and put them in a chest of drawers or hang them in the closet.