Two Methods for Comparison/Contrast Outlines

Block Outline

I. Introduction

Introduce both of your subjects that you will be comparing or contrasting. You may do this by telling a story that mentions both, telling two brief contrasting anecdotes, or giving background information about both (just to name a few possibilities).

II. Body

A. Subject 1

- 1. Point 1
- 2. Point 2
- 3. Point 3

B. Subject 2

- 1. Point 1
- 2. Point 2
- 3. Point 3

III. Conclusion

You might explain the meaning or significance of the comparison or contrast of your subjects, or tell your reader why Subject 2 is superior/inferior to Subject 1 based on the information you have provided, among other things.

Point-by-Point Outline

I. Introduction

Introduce Subjects 1 and 2 (same as above).

II. Body

A. Point 1

Subject 1

Subject 2

B. Point 2

Subject 1

Subject 2

C. Point 3

Subject 1

Subject 2

III. Conclusion (same as above.)

Note: You may have more than three points for comparison or contrast. Typically, a comparison/ contrast essay does not have more than two subjects.