

Comparison Essay Template

Introduction Paragraph

MLA Formatting & Tips:

1. Title your essay
 - Relates to thesis
 - Catchy and short
 - Not bolded or underlined
2. Double space essay
3. Header (top left) no cover page
 - Your name
 - Teacher Name
 - Class code
 - Due date
4. Page number on top right
5. Keep in present tense
6. Use transition words to help with organization and flow
7. Edit your work!
8. Focus on thesis
9. Cite all your work
 - (Author last name space page).
 - Provide a Works Cited Page
 - Keep quotes short

Hook (Excite and interest your reader)

Author names A and B / titles A and B this is also called a narrowing statement (Underline or italicize novel titles).

Thesis—The big idea that the novels share. This idea guides the entire essay and you must add complexity with each level and grade.

Directional (list of 3 points, One for each body paragraph) Higher grades may have more here and thus more body paragraphs. Also called organization sentence or enumeration.

i)

ii)

iii)

Body Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: Corresponds to i) from directional statement. You may also state your organization for this paragraph.

Point (Argument that proves the topic sentence)	Proof (quote novel A) "quote quote quote" (Last 56).	Proof (quote novel B)	Analysis (explains how the proofs proves the topic sentence, and might highlight differences)
Point	Proof A	Proof B	Analysis
Point	Proof A	Proof B	Analysis

Conclusion Sentence (similar to Topic Sentence)

Body Paragraph 2

Topic Sentence: Corresponds to ii)

Point	Proof	Proof	Analysis
Point	Proof A	Proof B	Analysis
Point	Proof A	Proof B	Analysis

Conclusion Sentence (similar to Topic Sentence)

Body Paragraph 3

Topic Sentence: Corresponds to iii)

Point	Proof	Proof	Analysis
Point	Proof A	Proof B	Analysis
Point	Proof A	Proof B	Analysis

Conclusion Sentence (similar to Topic Sentence)

Conclusion Paragraph

Summarize body paragraph arguments and thesis

Food for thought allows your reader to contemplate why this matters
