**Contents of a Compare Essay**

**Title**

**Introductory Paragraph**

**Topic Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Topic, items to be compared, grabs reader)**

**Background Sentences**

**(Define the items, background on the items)**

**Thesis Statement (S Topic Sentence)**

**(Items, dimensions for comparison, message)**

**Detail Paragraphs**

**Topic/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Transition, items, dimension for comparison)**

**Lead-off Sentences**

**(Transition, introduce a new similarity)**

**Follow-up Sentences**

**(Provide more info about the new similarity using your research)**

**Concluding Paragraph**

**Concluding Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Concluding Transition, items compared, mentions comparing)**

**Detail Sentences**

**(Summarize dimensions for comparison and/or**

**use a Concluding Option)**

**Clincher Sentence**

**(Items compared, mentions comparing, message)**

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