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Essays: Two Options for Organizing Comparison/Contrast Essays

Block Pattern

- 1) Introductory Ideas: _____
- 2) Thesis: _____
- 3) First Item (Topic Sentence): _____
 - a) Point #1 : _____
 - b) Point #2 : _____
 - c) Point #3 : _____
- 4) Second Item (Topic Sentence):
 - a) Point #1 : _____
 - b) Point #2 : _____
 - c) Point #3 : _____
- 5) Concluding Ideas: _____

Point-by-Point

- 1) Introductory Ideas: _____

Thesis: _____
- 2) Point # 1 (Topic Sentence) : _____
 - a) First Item : _____
 - b) Second Item : _____
- 3) Point # 2 (Topic Sentence) : _____
 - a) First Item : _____
 - b) Second Item : _____
- 4) Point # 3 (Topic Sentence) : _____
 - a) First Item : _____
 - b) Second Item : _____
- 5) Concluding Paragraph: _____