

Comparison and Contrast

Read through chapter 8

Terminology

Topic of comparison

points of comparison (similarity or difference)

The block pattern (topic by topic)

Alternating Pattern (point by point)

Analogy

Essay for this chapter.

Option 1. Inform someone of the differences between the way a big something appears and is in reality and /or persuade them to relook the issue.

Baseball looks like a slow, simple game when actually, it is very complicated and fast

People assume blonde jokes are funny, when really, they are mean spirited.

Many students think humanities courses won't have anything to do with their careers, when in fact, the skills most employers want are taught in the humanities.

or Option 2

Inform an audience and persuade them to make a choice based on comparison.

Compare two professors for a fellow student to help them make a choice about signing up for a class.

Persuade an audience that a sequel movie you've seen is better than or worse than the original.

or Option 3

explain a concept using an extended analogy.

The federal government's budget is like a middleclass household.

Baseball is like life; you spend the first half running as hard as you can away from home-- you spend the other half doing anything to get back.

Make sure the points of comparison are clearly articulated. Make sure they are original points and not ones that the reader would make themselves easily.

You may use a block by block pattern, or point by point.

Make sure each assertion is well supported with explanation and detail.