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| **Block Style Comparison Essay Structure** | **Point By Point Comparison Essay Structure** |
| **Introductory Paragraph*** Hook
* Summary statement
* Thesis
* “blueprint”

(thesis and “blueprint” can be switched around)**Body Paragraph—book/story/play #1*** Topic sentence
* Point #1
* Quotation/Example
* Explanation
* Point #2
* Quotation/Example
* Explanation
* Point #3
* Quotation/Example
* Explanation
* Conclusion

Each story/novel/play/poem gets its own paragraph**Concluding Paragraph*** Restate thesis
* Make clear connections between each literary source
* End with “deep thought” about topic as a whole
 | **Introductory Paragraph*** Hook
* Summary statement
* Thesis
* “blueprint”

(thesis and “blueprint” can be switched around)**Body Paragraph #1*** Point #1
* Quotation #1 from first source
* Explain
* Quotation #1 from second source
* Explain
* Connect the two
* Conclusion

Depending on your argument, you can add an additional point of comparison in your body paragraph.Repeat body paragraphs **Concluding Paragraph*** Restate thesis
* Summarize each body paragraph
* End with “deep thought” about topic as a whole
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| **Advantages** | **Drawbacks** | **Advantages** | **Drawbacks** |
| * Easy to keep organized
* Useful when the points of comparison are not closely related
 | * A mediocre comparison will seem even more simplistic
* If you missed some obvious connections, their omission will stand out
* Success relies on excellence of the concluding paragraph
* Body paragraphs can be REALLY long
 | * More flexible
* Useful when points of comparison are closely related
* Can make for a more impressive result
 | * More difficult to keep organized
* Much more likely to resemble a “train wreck”
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