What is a compare and contrast argument?

- An evaluation on the similarities and differences between two subjects supported by evidence.

Things to remember as you write:
- What is the common theme or themes among the similarities and differences?
- What points are relevant and critical enough to argue?
- How do your points connect with one another?
- What are your own thoughts and ideas about these similarities and differences?
- Are there more similarities than differences or vice versa? How does that affect your argument?

Transition words for comparisons:
- Similarly
- Likewise
- In the same way
- Equally
- In comparison to

Transition words for contrasts:
- However
- Though
- Whereas
- On the other hand
- In contrast to
## Compare & Contrast Outline

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