THE 3-STEP APPROACH TO COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OR COMPARING AND CONTRASTING

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STEP 3: PRODUCE COMPARISON AND CONTRAST WITH THESE STRATEGIES

3-paragraph strategy

Paragraph 1: Similarities

Paragraph 2: Differences

Paragraph 3: Conclusion
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**Strategy for an argument or claim**

- Introduce the argument or claim.
- Similarities to support the argument or claim.
- Differences to show a counterargument.
- Evidence to refute or counterargue the differences.

Be respectful and unbiased. Let the evidence do the talking.
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Point by Point Strategy

Point 1: Discuss similarities.
- Discuss differences.
- Discuss Links between similarities and differences.

Point 2: Discuss similarities.
- Discuss differences.
- Discuss links between similarities and differences.

Point 3: Discuss Similarities.
- Discuss differences.
- Discuss links between similarities and differences.

Each point is a paragraph.
Introduce the concept, theory, or theme that you are discussing. Present the researcher’s argument or claim supporting the differences. Then, from your argument or claim, you use research to show a similarity.
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THE 3-STEP APPROACH TO COMPARISON AND CONTRAST OR COMPARISON ANALYSIS

- Attend a Synthesis and Analysis Group Session for further assistance on Monday’s at 5pm PT.
- Please visit ASC and register for an academic coaching session. After registering, you can use the same link to self-schedule group sessions.