

Poetry Comparison Essay Outline Template

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1. Introduction

- a. Hook: [Write hook here.] *Think of a provocative or shocking statement, a descriptive image, or an allusion to something else. Resist the temptation to start by saying, "Have you ever ...?"*
- b. Description of Poem #1: [Write description here. Include poem title and poet.]
- c. Description of Poem #2: [Write description here. Include poem title and poet.]
- d. Thesis: [Write thesis here.]

2. Body Paragraph #1

- a. Topic Sentence: [Write topic sentence here.] *Your topic sentence should state a similarity (comparison) or difference (contrast) for the two poems.*
- b. Evidence for Poem #1: [Write evidence here.]
- c. Evidence for Poem #2: [Write evidence here.]

3. Body Paragraph #2

- a. Topic Sentence: [Write topic sentence here.] *Your topic sentence should state a similarity (comparison) or difference (contrast) for the two poems.*
- b. Evidence for Poem #1: [Write evidence here.]
- c. Evidence for Poem #2: [Write evidence here.]

(Include as many body paragraphs as necessary to support your thesis.)

4. Conclusion

- a. Restate thesis in different words: [Restate thesis here.]

- b. Summarize evidence from poem #1: [Summarize here.]
- c. Summarize evidence from poem #2: [Summarize here.]
- d. So what? [Write final sentences here.] *Remember - so what? should explain why this is important, why we should care, how this applies beyond the text, etc.*