Compare and Contrast Essay Outline Template

1. Introduction
   a. Introduce the broad topic
   b. Specific topic
   c. Thesis statement

2. Body paragraph #1—First aspect that’s similar or different
   a. Subject #1
      i. Detail #1
      ii. Detail #2
   b. Subject #2
      i. Detail #1
      ii. Detail #2

3. Body paragraph #2—Second aspect that’s similar or different
   a. Subject #1
      i. Detail #1
      ii. Detail #2
   b. Subject #2
      i. Detail #1
      ii. Detail #2

4. Body paragraph #3—Third aspect that’s similar or different
   a. Subject #1
      i. Detail #1
      ii. Detail #2
   b. Subject #2
      i. Detail #1
      ii. Detail #2

5. Conclusion
   a. Summary of main points—Restate thesis while synthesizing information from body paragraphs
   b. Evaluate the similarities/differences and discuss any future implications (if applicable)
   c. Significance—what’s the point?