

Compare & Contrast

Capture similarities, differences, and the conclusion that matters.

TOPIC A	TOPIC B
ONLY A	ONLY B
BOTH / SIMILARITIES	
CONCLUSION — THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPARISON	

Compare & Contrast — Guided

GUIDED VERSION

Name: _____ Date: _____

ITEM / TEXT A

Name the first item or text.

ONLY A

What is unique to A?

BOTH

What do A and B share?

ONLY B

What is unique to B?

KEY COMPARISON

Which similarity or difference matters most?

Compare & Contrast — Completed Example

Topic: Library study space vs. home desk · Shared traits belong in the middle, not repeated on both sides.

LIBRARY ONLY	BOTH	HOME DESK ONLY
• Quiet rules reduce interruptions. • Reference books and staff help are nearby. • Hours and travel time limit access.	• Can support reading and writing. • Can provide a desk, light, and Wi-Fi. • Work better when distractions are managed.	• Available without travel. • Personal supplies can stay set up. • Household noise may be harder to control.
	Middle = similarities that are true of both choices.	