

Compare-and-contrast essay

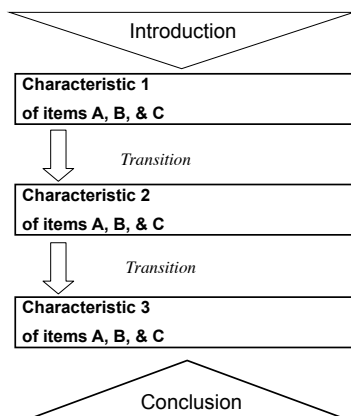
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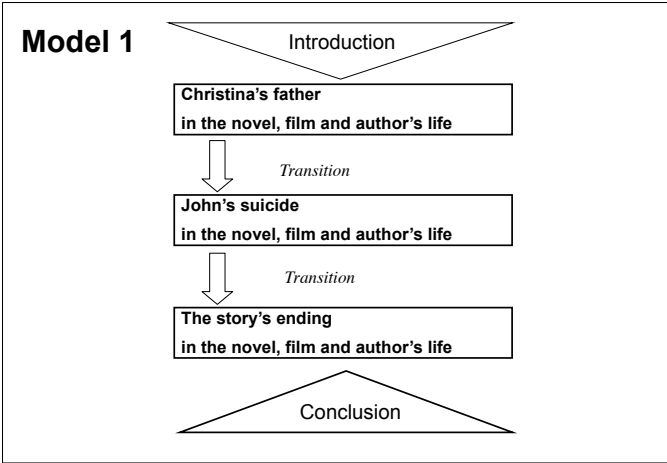
What is a compare-and-contrast essay?

- Names: Comparison, compare-and-contrast, compare or contrast
- Purposes: To show similarities among items, highlight differences between items or both
- To write a good essay, you need to consider not only the similarities and differences, but their *significance*...

C & C Essay Model 1

Model 1

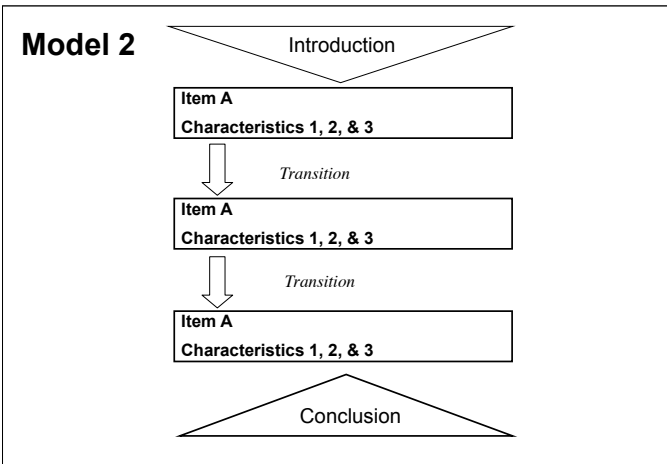




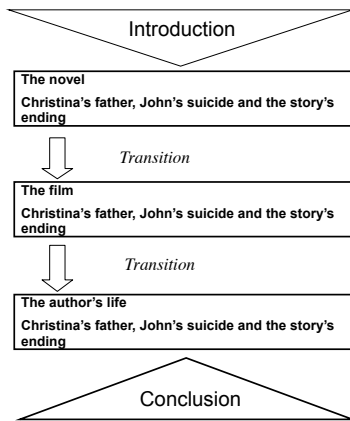
Model 1 Body paragraph 1

First, there are some similarities and differences regarding Christina's father. In both the book and the movie, Nonno was very cruel to Christina. In the novel, Josie learns that Nonno was not Christina's real father but she does not tell her mother. The film version, on the other hand, contains a scene where Christina finds out that Marcus Sanford was her real dad. Interestingly, Melina Marchetta has said in interviews that her mother adores her father, so it seems that the character Nonno has little in common with the author's grandfather.

C & C Essay Model 2



Model 2



Model 2 Body paragraph 1

The novel *Looking for Alibrandi*, written by Melina Marchetta, was first published in 1993. In this story, one of the big surprises is when Josephine Alibrandi learns that her mother, like Josie herself, was an illegitimate child. In the book, Josie learns that Marcus Sanford is Christina's father but she does not tell Christina. Josie is also shocked by the suicide of her close friend John Barton near the end of the story. The ending of the story leaves Josie wondering about her academic future, her identity and her love life after she breaks up with her boyfriend Jacob. However, these elements of the story were changed slightly when the award-winning book was made into a film.

Now you try it...

- Use the character mind maps you did for homework
- Choose **one** model to use (remember, the assignment is to compare & contrast 3 characters)
- Use the compare & contrast vocabulary
- Use connectors to make your essay smoother
- Complete your first draft by....