**Compare and Contrast Essay Template**

**Introduction:**
- General statement about topic
- State title, author and general ideas of what is being compared

**Thesis:**
- Restate the topic and make your claims
  - generally states how similar and different the articles/stories are
  - states the specific similarities and differences

**Idea #1:**
- **Topic sentence:** Introduces the first similarity or difference
- **Examples:** From both text that show the similarity or difference
- **Explanation:** Make the comparison clear
- **Conclusion sentence:** Restates the idea discussed
- **Transition**

**Idea #2:**
- **Topic sentence:** Introduces the second similarity or difference
- **Examples:** From both text that show the similarity or difference
- **Explanation:** Make the comparison clear
- **Conclusion sentence:** Restates the idea discussed
- **Transition**

**Idea #3:**
- **Topic sentence:** Introduces the third similarity or difference
- **Examples:** From both text that show the similarity or difference
- **Explanation:** Make the comparison clear
- **Conclusion sentence:** Restates the idea discussed

**Conclusion:**
- Rephrase thesis
- Final thoughts
- Connect to broader concepts