

2.7a Technical Elements Focus Plan

Here are two basic options for organizing the body paragraphs of your comparison/contrast essay if you are focusing on **technical elements**, not transformation.

1. Subject by Subject

Body ¶		
1	Texts 1 & 2 (compare/contrast)	EQ & element #1
2	Texts 1 & 2 (compare/contrast)	EQ & element #2
3	Texts 1 & 2 (compare/contrast)	EQ & element #3
4	Texts 1 & 2 (compare/contrast)	EQ & element #4 (if you have 4 elements)

2. Alternating Point by Point

Body ¶		
1	Text 1	EQ & element #1
2	Text 2 (compare/contrast to Text 1)	EQ & element #1
3	Text 1	EQ & element #2
4	Text 2 (compare/contrast to Text 1)	EQ & element #2
6	Text 2 (compare/contrast to Text 1)	EQ & element #3
7	Text 1	EQ & element #3
	Continue in the same pattern if you are discussing more elements.	

Remember that a paragraph is an organized chunk of info for your reader. If you find yourself writing far more than 12 sentences in a paragraph, consider how to break up the info and serve a manageable amount to your reader. If you've written several short paragraphs, consider combining them.