



Step 3: What is a Compare and Contrast Essay?



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You may have done an essay like this previously. The purpose of this essay is to analyze one more against another in order to make a decision.

This essay is unlike a Memoir Essay in that it is a more formal essay. That means it needs to be written in the third person. Here's an example:

First person: I believe that Adnan Syed is innocent.

Third person: Adnan Syed is innocent.

The third person does not use the word I. You can still express an opinion by it is not by using phrases like "I believe", "I think", "I understand".

This essay is also dependent on three things to be successful

- A well-written thesis
- A solid structure
- A developed brainstorming session