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Basic Outline for a Comparative Analysis

1. Introduction: Overall thesis statement for your essay.

- a/ Summary of author 1 --- 1 paragraph
- b/ Summary of author 2 --- 1 paragraph

2. Development: Comparative Analysis --- Compare and/or contrast two or three ways in which the authors are similar and/or different.

- a/ First similarity/difference --- explain and illustrate using direct or indirect quotations from each author
- b/ Second similarity/difference --- explain and illustrate using direct or indirect quotations from each author
- c/ Third similarity/difference --- explain and illustrate using direct or indirect quotations from each author

3. Conclusion: Write your opinion(s) about the ideas discussed in the essays. Explain which author's perspective you agree with and explain why you agree with him/her.