

Compare-Contrast Essay – Visual Outline

Introduction

- Start with a good lead or “hook”
- Identify the 4 points you’ll make to compare-contrast China and Japan
- Thesis statement (it will be the last sentence in this paragraph). Justify which point was the MOST INFLUENTIAL to the growth of these 2 civilizations
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Body

- First Point. Start with a topic explaining the point of comparison. Be sure to use transition words/phrases. Explain both the similarities and differences and back them up with evidence/factual support.
- Second Point. Start with a topic explaining the point of comparison. Be sure to use transition words/phrases. Explain both the similarities and differences and back them up with evidence/factual support.
- Third Point. Start with a topic explaining the point of comparison. Be sure to use transition words/phrases. Explain both the similarities and differences and back them up with evidence/factual support.
- Fourth Point. Start with a topic explaining the point of comparison. Be sure to use transition words/phrases. Explain both the similarities and differences and back them up with evidence/factual support.
- Most Influential Point. Start with a topic explaining which point you feel is the most important in the development of these two societies. Be sure to use transition words/phrases. Explain your position and back it up with evidence/factual support.

Conclusion

- Restate/reword your thesis.
- Prove your thesis is valid (true) by explaining the influence this point had on the development of these two great Eastern Civilizations.