



## Critical Comparison Outline Template (Practice)

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#### Instructions:

- Make point form notes.
- Put in specific examples/quotes from articles as necessary.
- Use the guiding questions as a guide – you do not need to answer them systematically.
- Most of the answers to the questions in the Introduction have already been set by this lesson, but go ahead and write them out anyway for practice.

#### Introduction

1. What is being compared?
2. Why are they being compared? What is the topic or basis of comparison?
3. How will they be compared? What are the categories of comparison?
4. What will we learn about the topic when we've read this comparison? What is the thesis?



## Critical Thinking and Comparison

### Category 1 – How should we define digital literacy? Why?

1. What is the category? Give an introduction to the idea or issue.  
Note: The category has already been given for this practice assignment, go ahead and explain it.
2. What does **each author** have to say about this idea or issue?
3. How does each author develop their particular position about the idea and why? (Look at evidence.) What motivates each author to make the argument that they make? (Look at assumptions.)
4. What are the key points of similarity and difference in each author's position?
5. What are the implications of each author's position?
6. Do you have thoughts about the value or implications of these different positions?



## Category 2 – How can we achieve digital literacy?

1. What is the category? Give an introduction to the idea or issue.  
Note: The category has already been given for this practice assignment, go ahead and explain it.
2. What does **each author** have to say about this idea or issue?
3. How does each author develop their particular position about the idea and why? (Look at evidence.) What motivates each author to make the argument that they make? (Look at assumptions.)
4. What are the key points of similarity and difference in each author's position?
5. What are the implications of each author's position?
6. Do you have thoughts about the value or implications of these different positions?



## Critical Thinking and Comparison

### Category 3 – What role does education play in achieving digital literacy?

1. What is the category? Give an introduction to the idea or issue.  
Note: The category has already been given for this practice assignment, go ahead and explain it.
2. What does **each author** have to say about this idea or issue?
3. How does each author develop their particular position about the idea and why? (Look at evidence.) What motivates each author to make the argument that they make? (Look at assumptions.)
4. What are the key points of similarity and difference in each author's position?
5. What are the implications of each author's position?
6. Do you have thoughts about the value or implications of these different positions?



## Conclusion

1. What do we learn about the topic in this essay?
2. What conclusions does the essay make about the significance of each author's ideas and the consequences of each author's arguments?