**Compare/Contrast Composition**

**Purpose**

-describe the similarities and differences in two or more items

**Methods of Organization**

-subject-by-subject: merely a list of points: a certain number of points about one subject and then a certain number of points about another subject

-feature-by-feature: addresses one point of comparison at a time rather than one subject at a time

**Details**

-list details about the items and then determine which of the details are similarities and which are differences

**Important Features**

-topic sentence

-thesis statement

-transition words/phrases