

# Compare and Contrast Essay Outline College

## Similarities and Differences Between Automobiles and Bicycles

INTRO.  
PARA.

Topic: Compare and contrast automobiles with bicycles.

Thesis: The **differences** between automobiles and bicycles **are more significant than their similarities.**

...or...

Thesis: Generally speaking, the automobile is **a more effective form of transportation** that the bicycle.



BP1

Intro Sentence: **It is true** that the bicycle is a more **environmentally sustainable** form of transportation.

Ex. 1 - the bicycle does not use fuel; the auto does

Ex. 2 - the bicycle does not emit exhaust

Ex. 3 - bicycles use fewer metals and other materials than the automobile

Concluding Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_



BP2

Intro Sentence: **Nevertheless**, the automobile can go **faster and farther** in a given period of time.

Ex. 1 - the bicycle can often match the automobile in urban settings

Ex. 2 - in suburban and rural settings, the automobile goes faster and farther

Ex. 3 - long distance travel

Concluding Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_



BP3

Intro Sentence: **Moreover**, the automobile can **carry more persons and cargo.**

Ex. 1 - the bicycle can carry one or two riders, sidebags, and perhaps a small trailer

Ex. 2 - even compact cars can carry four passengers and cargo, plus use a roof rack and/or trailer

Concluding Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_



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Restatement of topic and thesis

Summary of main points

Generalization: Why *is* the automobile a more effective form of transportation?