

Name _____ **Compare and Contrast**

Alternating and Dividing

To compare things means to look for things that are the same. To contrast things, you look for things that are different. When comparing and contrasting in the same piece of writing, transition words signal comparison or contrast to the reader. There are two ways to structure a compare and contrast paper.

In the **alternating** method, you compare and contrast two subjects point for point.

In the **dividing** method, you make all of your points about the first subject; then you make all of your points about the second subject.

DIRECTIONS: Choose a topic that interests you. Make notes in preparation to compare and contrast the two things. Then write two versions of a contrast paragraph. In the first, use the **alternating** method of contrasting. In the second, use the **dividing** method.

My Topic: _____

Comparison Notes	Contrast Notes

