

**Chart explaining the 5 grounds for comparison:**

Relationship	Description	Your analysis could...
<b>Cause &amp; Effect</b>	One essay describes situations that see their results in the other essay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore how the cause and effect are related</li> </ul>
<b>Problem &amp; Solution</b>	One essay describes an issue or problem that the second essay offers a potential solution for.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make the connection between the problem and the solution</li> <li>- Evaluate the effectiveness of the solution in relation to the problem</li> </ul>
<b>Theory &amp; Example</b>	One essay introduces a theory or concept and the second essay offers an illustration or example of that theory. This relationship is also commonly called a “lens” because you are using one essay (the theory) as a lens through which you can view the other essay (the example).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluate whether the example proves or disproves the theory</li> <li>- Evaluate whether the theory applies to this example</li> <li>- Shed further light on the theory through close analysis of the example</li> </ul>
<b>Debate</b>	Both essays make a claim about or take a position within a larger debate. The two essays could argue for the same side or opposite sides in that debate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore which essay presents the more persuasive position</li> <li>- Explain why neither or both positions are persuasive</li> <li>- Support your own position in the debate with evidence from the most effective parts of each text</li> </ul>
<b>Thematic Discussion</b>	Both essays offer perspectives on the same theme/topic that illuminate the bigger picture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on illuminating that bigger picture by examining the specifics of each essay</li> </ul>