1. Write each author/topic/idea above one of the circles. List attributes or points of that topic in each circle, placing any shared points in the overlapping section. Be specific, clear, concise, and use details.

2. Circle the most important points in each list and match at least three opposite points from one circle to another.

   Author/Item/Topic 1 _________________________  Author/Item/Topic 2 _________________________

3. Review the lists and identify three points or aspects that describe the details. List the categories in the box above.

4. Choose a format and plan out your essay structure.

Reference: Adapted from “Brainstorming for a Compare/Contrast Essay” on the Santa Barbara City College CLRC Writing Centre web site.