At a Glance
- Comparing/contrasting causes and effects of two conflicts
- Comparing/contrasting two economic systems or political systems
- Comparing/contrasting two characters or people

**Differentiated Instruction: Lesson 1**
Ask regular and advanced students to skim the chapter or selection and list two subjects that might be developed through comparison and contrast. You could use these subjects as prompts for struggling students. Then you could start on Step 2 with all students.

**LESSON 1 SUPPORT FOR READING**

**Step-by-Step Strategy**

1. Introduce two subjects that have sufficient similarities and/or differences for students to discuss.
2. Assign students to read the chapter or section that compares and contrasts the two subjects and take notes on both subjects.
3. After the students have finished reading, label the graphic organizer with the two subjects and display it for the students.
4. Conduct a group brainstorming session in which students identify and you list in the appropriate boxes facts and details showing either similarities or differences.
5. At the end of the group discussion, ask students to write a one or two-sentence summary of the differences and/or similarities between the two subjects.

**LESSON 2 SUPPORT FOR WRITING**

**Step-by-Step Strategy**

1. Give students an assignment to write a paper comparing/contrasting two subjects.
2. Use the graphic organizer to model comparison/contrast with the subjects.
3. Conduct a group brainstorming session in which students identify and you list the details about each subject in the pair. Put an S for “similarity” and a D for “difference” under each point (A, B, C, or D) in the first column.
4. Give students the following format for their paper.
   - Introduce the thesis or main idea about the two subjects.
   - First discuss all the differences between the two subjects. Then discuss all the similarities.
   - Use transitional words and phrases such as similarly, in contrast, and likewise, as needed.
   - Conclude with a summary of the importance of the similarities and differences.