Comparing/Contrasting

Making a Venn diagram can help you quickly and efficiently compare and contrast two or more ideas or subjects. To make a Venn diagram, simply draw two overlapping circles, one circle for each subject you are comparing. In the central area where they overlap, list the traits the two items have in common. Below is a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting the movies *Star Wars* and *Indiana Jones*.

/	Star Wars	<u>BOTH</u>	<u>Indiana Jones</u>
	Follows the tragic rise and fall of Anakin Skywalker	Episodic Starred Harrison	Revolves around the life of an adventurous archeologist
	Family-oriented	Ford	Mature audience
	Takes place in a land far, far away	Written and produced by George Lucas	Takes place on Earth Protagonist vs. Nazis
	Rebel Alliance vs. the Galactic Empire	Good vs. evil	

Useful Words to Help Emphasize your Intentions

As you write a compare/contrast essay, consider using the following words to emphasize both your points of comparison and your points of contrast.

Comparing:		Contrasting:	
Like	Likewise	Unlike	Yet
Still	Also	Compared to	Even though
Again	Similarly	In contrast	But
Similar to	In the same way	Contrasted with	Nevertheless
In like manner	Compared to	On the contrary	Conversely
At the same time		However	Regardless
		Although	Despite
		On the other hand	