Compare & Contrast Essay
(Using The Civilization of Kush and the United States as an example.)

5 Paragraph Essay
Paragraph 1 = Introduction
Paragraph 2 = First Body Paragraph
Paragraph 3 = Second Body Paragraph
Paragraph 4 = Third Body Paragraph
Paragraph 5 = Conclusion

Introduction
Every essay has a subject, which is what the essay is about. Your first paragraph should introduce the reader to your subject.

Parts of the introduction:
1. Summary of the subject.
2. Thesis Statement – Tells your opinion about the subject, which is what you should write about.
3. Organization of essay – Tell the topics of each body paragraph.
Example Introduction

The United States of America and the civilization of Kush are very different from each other. Kush was an ancient civilization that lasted from 2000 B.C.E. to 350 C.E. Kush was located south of Egypt. The United States has been a nation for the last 230 years in the continent of North America. The United States and Kush are different because of the way they select their leaders, their levels of technology, and their language.

Body paragraphs

Topic Sentence – Focus on one point of comparison

Concrete Details (facts, details, evidence– about BOTH items being compared)

Explanation & commentary (what can we conclude from these details, facts and evidence?)

Concluding Sentence (Transition to next paragraph or end that topic)

Conclusion

Finish your essay and prove your points.

Parts of the Conclusion:

Restate Thesis

Summary of the main details.

So What – Tell what you learned or why this essay is interesting or important.