



# Revision: Introductions

Comparison Essays





# Rough Draft 1

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- B. If information is already paraphrased, make sure the author and date of publication are cited.
- C. If information is word-for-word, paraphrase it and cite the author and date of publication.



# Step 1: Cite Other People's Ideas (cont.)

Using APA formatting, cite the source on the reference page.

Wikipedia. 2013. *Kobe Bryant*.

Retrieved from

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

Kobe\_Bryant

Wikipedia. 2014. *Los Angeles*

*Lakers*. Retrieved from

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Los\_Angeles\_Lakers



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13	22
25	32
33	42
44	2





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- **2010 championship game**

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## Step 4: Eliminate any unnecessary information

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## Step 5: Check the thesis sentence

### 1. Should be last sentence in introductory

paragraph

### 2. Should include verb indicating

organizational pattern of paper

### 3. Should state the main points or give the

number of main points

- The Lakers and Celtics share a few similarities, yet they differ in other respects.
- The Lakers and Celtics resemble each other in a few ways, yet they are dissimilar in other respects.

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## Step 6: Unity and cohesion

1. Identify keywords in the opening sentence.
2. List synonyms for each keyword.
3. Use these synonyms in subsequent sentences.

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**player – team member, sportsperson**

**game – match, event, competition**

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## Step 6: Unity and cohesion (cont.)

Check that the idea in the previous sentence is logically related to the idea in the current sentence.

1. Pronouns
2. Synonyms
3. Signal words (transitions, adverbs, etc.)

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## Step 7: Variety

### Use a variety of sentences

1. Simple
2. Compound
3. Complex
4. Compound complex

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