**Paradigm for Writing a**

**Compare and Contrast Essay for Art History**

**Block Method**

1. First Sentence: Introduce works, dates, artists if known, patrons if known, original location, and art period.
2. Now explain the three or four differences or similarities that will be discussed about each work.
3. Transition into the first work.
4. In detail, using specific examples, applicable key terms, and well organized thoughts and context, explain the three or four elements as they relate to the first work only.

**NOTE: the rest of this paragraph will only mention the first work.**

1. New Paragraph that transitions into the second work.
2. Then in detail, using specific examples, applicable key terms, and well organized thoughts and concepts explain the same three or four elements as they relate to the second work only.

**Point by Point Method**

1. First Sentence: Introduce works, dates, artists if known, patron if known, original location, and art period.
2. Explain three or four or more POINTS that you will compare and contrast on each work.
3. Transition first point and explain how it applies to each work.

NOTE: this will take several thoughtful and contextual sentences for each work. Again use the proper key terms, well organized thoughts and concepts, explanations, and details.

1. New Paragraph: Transition into the second point and follow the instruction as above.
2. New paragraph: Transition into the third and/or fourth point and continue till the end.

**Either method is acceptable and will help you be successful on comparing and contrasting works of art.**