Examples of Introductions and Thesis Statements for Comparison/Contrast Essay

You may use the structure of any of the thesis statements, but you must write your own introduction and conclusion:

C/C - Colonial Rule and Jim Crow Laws

Example:

Introduction

Counseling 111 focuses on different career paths through counseling and research. The class has already completed a variety of inventories designed to help the students discover possible careers by indentifying key character traits. The next step is research.

Thesis: Currently, we are researching two possible career paths and are comparing and contrasting three key requirements or advantages. I have decided to research educational requirements, salary potential, and job opportunities.

OR

Thesis: When deciding between two career paths, it is important to use the valuable online resources of the library to collect accurate information about each career. As a result of my research, I have decided to compare and contrast three key areas: educational requirements, salary potential, and job opportunities.

Conclusions: Examples

With this brief comparison exercise, I have already discovered that I am more suited to become an English professor. I find the educational options to be interesting, the salary satisfactory, and job opportunities numerous, especially if I am willing to locate out of California. I consider myself a life-long learner and adventure seeker, so teaching college seems a good fit.
While I did learn valuable information writing this brief essay, I find that I need to do more in-depth research on both careers. Veterinary medicine and teaching share one common trait—I will be serving others, animals and humans alike; however, each career requires lengthy and expensive educations, so I must really do my homework before I make such a serious investment, especially since my time and finances are limited.

Remember to keep it short and sweet!