# LI: To write out a comparative essay comparing Ancient China and Ancient Egypt using a scaffold

**Introduction:**

One sentence **description of the two historical periods** *Ancient China and Ancient Egypt +* include **beginning year** and **end year**

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The three things this essay will explore are:

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*Use the sentence starters to plan your paragraphs:*

*Paragraph 1: Topic\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**Topic sentence**-What topic are you exploring in this paragraph?

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**Similarities:** What is similar between the two historical periods?

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**Differences:** What is different between the two historical periods?

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**Linking sentence:** What conclusion can you make about the topic in relation to these two historical periods?

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**Conclusion:**

Re-state in a sentence what you concluded **about your first topic.**

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Re-state in a sentence what you concluded about **your second topic.**

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Re-state in a sentence what you concluded about **your third topic.**

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Re-state in a sentence what you concluded about how Ancient China and Ancient Egypt are **are similar or different.**

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*Use the sentence starters below and fill out your planning sheet using full sentences.*

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| Topic sentence | Both *Ancient Egypt and Ancient China* there were…  In both historical periods, Ancient China and Egypt, importance was placed on (topic)  The people of Ancient China and Ancient Egypt both believed that  The societies of Ancient China and Ancient Egypt demonstrated/showed/illustrated that |
| Similarities | In *Ancient Egypt*…  Similarly, in Ancient China… |
| Differences | However, a key difference between the texts is…  *Ancient Egypt* demonstrates…  In contrast…. |
| Conclusion | Overall, the two historical periods are quite different in how they present…because…  Overall, while there are some differences in how the historical periods present…there are bigger similarities because…  Overall, while there are some similarities in how the two historical periods present…there are bigger differences because…  Overall, the two historical periods are very similar in how they present…because… |