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Outline for the Comparison/Contrast Essay

Topic

The Internet vs. the library

Working Thesis Statement

Researching on the Internet is much better than researching in the library because it is more convenient, organized, and accessible 24 hours a day.

Outline

- I. The library
 - A. Inconvenient
 1. Driving to the library
 - a. long distance
 - b. hot sun
 2. Visiting various branches for books
 - B. Disorganized
 1. Visiting too many floors looking for books
 2. Manually searching through card catalog
 3. Losing information that I had written down for reference
 - C. Inaccessible
 1. Inconvenient hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. only
 2. Unavailable 24/7 when *I want to work*
- II. The Internet
 - A. Convenient
 1. Available from home
 - a. no long drive
 - b. cool air conditioning
 2. Research available from a single computer
 - B. Organized
 1. Finding information with a search engine
 2. Using Yahoo! AOL Search or Ask Jeeves
 3. Storing location of information/saving web pages on computer
 - C. Accessible
 1. No closing times, no holidays
 2. No restrictions to my home computer