

Jazz and Blues

by Gord Sellar

Although both jazz and blues are forms of traditional African-American music, there are three major differences between these musical genres. The first difference between jazz and blues is related to instrumentation. Blues music almost always involves a singer accompanied by a guitar. In contrast, while vocal and guitar-based jazz exist, neither is really dominant in jazz. Instead, a vast amount of serious jazz is purely instrumental, and features instruments like saxophone, trumpet, piano, bass, and drums. **Second**, most blues music is theoretically much simpler than jazz. Mastering the blues is about **learning** to sing in a passionate way, **feeling** the groove of the band, and **keeping** things simple. This isn't easy, but it's not complex in terms of music theory. In jazz, however, there is much more expectation to show technical virtuosity, whether as a singer or an instrumentalist, and jazz harmony and structure have gotten increasingly complex over time. **The final difference between jazz and blues relates to** their historical relationship. Blues is really the progenitor of jazz music. Blues music began to develop sometime in the 1860s, when African-Americans combined church music, work songs, chants, and narrative ballads into a new form of music. Jazz began to develop later on, as Black musicians began to combine blues music with other forms of music, from popular and church songs to marching band music to French dance tunes and more. By the 1940s jazz was no longer mainly used for dancing, but had become an "art music" for listening, like classical music. **Although they are linked deeply, jazz and blues remain very different in major ways.**

This is a Comparative/Comparison Paragraph.

Topic Sentence/Concluding Sentence:

- Although both _____ and _____ are _____, there are three major differences between these _____(s).
- Although they are _____, _____ and _____ remain very different in major ways.

Primary Supporting Sentences that Introduce Points of Comparison:

- **The first difference** between _____ and _____ is related to _____.
- **Second**, most _____ is/are _____ than _____.
- **The final difference** between _____ and _____ relates to _____.

Secondary Supporting Sentences That Explain a Difference:

- _____ almost always _____. **In contrast**, _____ is/are _____.
- _____ In/With _____, **however**, there is much more expectation _____, and _____ have gotten _____ over time.
- _____ In/With _____, **however**, there is much more expectation _____, and _____.

Secondary Supporting Sentences That Provide More Details/Examples:

- Instead, a vast number of _____ are _____, and feature _____.

Secondary Supporting Sentences That Providing a List:

- _____ involves _____ing _____, _____ing _____, and _____ing _____.
- _____ involves _____, _____, and _____.

Secondary Supporting Sentences That Clarify a Point:

- _____ isn't _____, but it's [also] not _____.

Secondary Supporting Sentences That Make Factual Statements :

- _____ is/are really _____.

Secondary Supporting Sentences That Outline a Sequence of Events:

- _____ began to develop _(when?)_, when _____.
- _____, on the other hand, began to develop later on, as _____.
- By _____, _____ was no longer _____, but had become _____.
- By _____, _____ was _____, and had become _____.

Apples and Oranges

by Gord Sellar

Although both apples and oranges are both fruits, there are three major differences between them.

PSS 1: **The first difference** between apples and oranges is related to where they are grown.

- Oranges almost always grown in warm climates.
- **This is because oranges trees do not produce much fruit or grow well in colder climates.**
- **In contrast**, apples are grown in both tropical and temperate zones.

PSS 2: **Second**, most kinds of apples are more fragile than oranges.

- The reasons for this involves the structure of each fruit.
- **Apples have a very thin skin, so they are easily damaged.**
- With oranges, **however**, there is much more protection provided by their thick skins, and they are therefore less likely to be damaged during shipping.

PSS 3: **The final difference** between apples and oranges relates to how they taste.

- Apples almost always are more sweet than sour. **In contrast**, oranges are sometimes more sour than they are sweet.

- The sweetness of apples began to develop recently in history, when apple growers discovered some forms of apples tasted better than others and began to clone those varieties through cuttings.
- The sourness of oranges, on the other hand, has been a part of how oranges and other citrus fruits taste for most of human history.

CS:Although they are both fruits, apples and oranges are very different in major ways.

Apples and Oranges

by Gord Sellar

Although both apples and oranges are both fruits, there are three major differences between them. The first difference between apples and oranges is related to where they are grown. Oranges are almost always grown in warm climates. This is because oranges trees do not produce much fruit or grow well in colder climates. In contrast, apples are grown in both tropical and temperate zones. Second, most kinds of apples are more fragile than oranges. The reasons for this involve the structure of each fruit. Apples have a very thin skin, so they are easily damaged. With oranges, however, there is much more protection provided by their thick skins, and they are therefore less likely to be damaged during shipping. The final difference between apples and oranges relates to how they taste. Apples are almost always more sweet than sour. In contrast, oranges are sometimes more sour than they are sweet. The sweetness of apples began to develop recently in history, when apple growers discovered some forms of apples tasted better than others and began to clone those varieties through cuttings. The sourness of oranges, on the other hand, has been a part of how oranges and other citrus fruits taste for most of human history. Although they are both fruits, apples and oranges are very different in major ways.