Prompt: During the time period of 2015, compare the cities of Lexington and Mount Vernon.

Thesis rules:
- must have two similarities and one difference or vice versa
- when you list the similarity, you can just tell what it is. For example: "they were both big."
- when you list the difference, you have to give specific examples of how each area was. For example: you can't just say "they were different colors" you have to say "one was red and the other was blue"

Thesis example:
During the time period of 2015, the cities of Mount Vernon and Lexington are similar in that they are both located in Kentucky and that they are both inhabited mostly by European Americans. However, the two cities differ in regard to their population density. Where Lexington is very densely populated with a large number of people, Mount Vernon is sparsely populated with much smaller number of people.

Body paragraph rules:
- Each body paragraph should be about one of the three sim/diffs listed in the thesis
- Each paragraph should start with a topic sentence that tells the broad sim or diff
- Then it should give a specific example of the sim or diff
- Then it should give a reason for why the two areas were sim or diff
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Body paragraph 1 example:
Both Mount Vernon and Lexington are similar in that they can both be found in Kentucky. Lexington is found in the center of the state, whereas Mount Vernon is about sixty miles south of Lexington in the south-central portion of the state. The two cities are located in the state of Kentucky because they were both founded there in the 1700s by pioneers moving west past the Appalachian Mountains.

Body paragraph 2 example:
Another similarity between the two cities is that they are both inhabited primarily by European Americans. Even though Lexington has a more diverse population than that of Mount Vernon, both cities are populated mostly by Caucasians. The lack of racial minorities is probably due to a number of factors, but one obvious factor is the areas of both cities being far away from major ports such as those on the east coast of the United States. Most people from diverse backgrounds tend to populate around major port cities and areas where they first arrive once they immigrate to a new country. Since both Lexington and Mount Vernon are located in the center of the country, more diverse immigrants are not likely to inhabit the area. White Americans, however, do heavily populate both areas due to the fact many of them are descendants of Scotch-Irish immigrants who arrived to the United States in the mid to late 1800s and were pushed to become pioneers moving west past the Appalachian Mountains for land that was less populated and often given to citizens on a first-come-first-served basis.

Body paragraph 3 example:
A major difference between the cities of Lexington and Mount Vernon is the population density of the two. Where Lexington has a very concentrated population density with a large number of citizens living in a relatively small area, Mount Vernon has very few citizens living in a relatively small area. This is likely due to the fact that Lexington had an early industry built on the rail industry in the 1800s, where Mount Vernon did not. Lexington quickly became an important stop on the L & N rail route and grew economically which drew more people to the area. Mount Vernon, on the other hand was not as important regarding early economic activity as Lexington and ended up attracting less people, ultimately leading to it becoming less densely populated than Lexington.

Conclusion paragraph rules:
- Must review the two sims/one diff or vice versa
- Should not be a copy/paste of your first paragraph
- The last few sentences should tie the prompt to today. Why does it matter today? How did the areas impact the world outside of the areas?

Conclusion example:
Lexington and Mount Vernon are two very important cities in 2015. While they share similarities in location and ethic makeup of their majorities, they differ greatly in regards to their respective population densities with Lexington being much more densely populated than Mount Vernon. Furthermore, when comparing cities that are located in a geographically close proximity to each other, it is important to note that they can be just as different as they are similar. Realizing these similarities and differences could help citizens looking to moving to the area, as well as business owners looking to potentially relocate to the area.