

Sample Point-by-Point Paragraph Outline

Topic Sentence	Taylor Swift's "The Man" and Act 1 of <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> by William Shakespeare convey that women are expected to hide intense emotions and men are allowed to brag about money, while women are not.
Point of Comparison 1	Showing intense emotions
	Text 1: "The Man" Evidence: "And it's all good if you're bad / And it's okay if you're mad" (02:13–02:16) Analysis: • Men can be "bad" and "mad" • Implies that women cannot be or feel these things
	Text 2: <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> Evidence: • "too rough" (1.1.55) • "of gentler, milder mold" (1.1.61) • "mild behavior and sobriety" (1.1.72) Analysis: • Katherine is perceived to not be suitable for marriage because she is "too rough" • Bianca is the ideal woman because of her "mild behavior"
	Explain the comparison: Both the play and song highlight that women need to hide intense or undesirable emotions
Point of Comparison 2	Talking/bragging about money
	Text 1: "The Man"

	Evidence: "brag about raking in dollars" (02:08–2:09) Analysis: Men are praised for high earnings and are allowed to brag about it
	Text 2: <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> Evidence: "I come to wive it wealthily in Padua; / If wealthily, then happily in Padua" (1.2.76–77) Analysis: The suitors accept and see no issue with Petruchio specifically seeking out a rich bride
	Explain the comparison: Men are praised for being or trying to be successful financially
Last Sentence(s)	All in all, Swift's song and Shakespeare's play demonstrate that gender expectations for men and women have not changed much in 400 years. Women are painted out to be bad if they display their full emotions and brag about money, even though this behavior is considered acceptable for men.