

Organizational Tool for Five Paragraph Essay -- USE PENCIL!

Basic Question (Answer leads to Central Argument): _____

3 to 4 Possible Criticisms (“Although”)

One Central Argument/Idea

4 to 5 Possible Controlling Ideas (“because”)

Now formulate your THESIS: _____

Three Sub-Ideas (Place in these boxes the extra ideas from the “Controlling Ideas” box that relate to the “because” statement of your thesis):

Body Paragraph Idea #1

Body Paragraph Idea #2

Body Paragraph Idea #3

Now formulate your THREE SUB-ARGUMENTS (“Purpose Statements”); then decide how well they relate to one another and the thesis.

BP#1 Purpose Statement: _____

BP#2 Purpose Statement: _____

BP#3 Purpose Statement: _____

Examples (Direct Evidence -- Quotations that exemplify the ideas you have listed in the “Body Paragraph Idea” boxes):

BP #1 Idea: _____

BP #2 Idea: _____

BP #3 Idea: _____

****Do you have page numbers for each piece of evidence?**

“So What?” statement strategy (Finalizing Statement): Break free of your thesis and leave the reader with something to think about!

~~“From exploring these topics and writing this essay, I now understand that~~ _____

****Now cross out “From exploring these....” What you have left is a good finalizing statement, as long it doesn’t repeat your thesis.**

Organizational Tool for Two Paragraph Essay -- USE PENCIL!

Basic Question (**Answer leads to Central Argument**): _____

3 to 4 Possible Criticisms (“**Although**”)

One Central Argument/Idea

3 to 4 Possible Controlling Ideas (“**because**”)

Now formulate your Thesis:

THESIS: _____

Two Sub-Ideas (Take the extra ideas from the Controlling Ideas box and place them in these three boxes):

Body Paragraph Idea #1

Body Paragraph Idea #2

Now formulate two sub-arguments; then decide how well they relate to the thesis and make necessary adjustments.

BP#1 Purpose Statement: _____

BP#2 Purpose Statement: _____

Examples (Direct Evidence -- Quotations that exemplify the ideas you have listed in the “Body Paragraph Idea” boxes):

BP #1 Idea: _____

BP #2 Idea: _____

****Do you have page numbers for each piece of evidence?**

“So What?” statement strategy (Finalizing Statement): Break free of your thesis and leave the reader with something to think about!

~~“From exploring these topics and writing this essay, I now understand that~~ _____

****Now cross out “From exploring these....” What you have left is a good finalizing statement, as long it doesn’t repeat your thesis.**

Organizational Tool for One-Paragraph Essay -- USE PENCIL!

Basic Question (Answer provides Purpose): _____

One Central Argument/Idea

3 to 4 Possible Controlling Ideas (“because”)

Pick your best Controlling Idea and now formulate a **Purpose Statement** that directly responds to the question and establishes something to prove:

Examples (Direct Evidence -- Quotations that exemplify the idea you establish in your Purpose Statement):

Quote #1

This quotation shows _____

Quote #2

This quotation shows _____

Quote #3

This quotation shows _____

“So What?” statement strategy (Finalizing Statement): Break free of your thesis and leave the reader with something to think about!

~~“From exploring these topics and writing this essay, I now understand that~~ _____

****Now cross out “From exploring these....” What you have left is a good finalizing statement, as long it doesn’t repeat your PS.**

One Paragraph Organizational Tool

Possible BP Driving Ideas

Pick your best Driving Idea and now formulate a **Purpose Statement** that establishes a clear focus for the paragraph:

Examples (**Direct Evidence -- Quotations that exemplify the idea you establish in your Purpose Statement**):

Quote #1

This quotation shows _____

Quote #2

This quotation shows _____

“So What?” statement strategy (Finalizing Statement): Break free of your thesis and leave the reader with something to think about!

~~“From exploring these topics and writing this essay, I now understand that~~ _____

****Now cross out “From exploring these....” What you have left is a good finalizing statement, as long it doesn’t repeat your PS.**