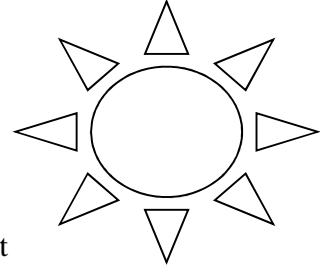


Synthesizing Information (actual writing part)

Developing an outline:

- Aids in the process of writing
- Helps you organize your ideas
- Presents your material in a logical form
- Shows the relationships among ideas in your writing
- Helps you see transitions from one main point to the next
- Defines boundaries and groups



Using your completed research tracking document complete the outline below before you begin writing. Consider the best order for presenting your essential questions and your findings for each. Do your essential questions flow from general to specific or abstract to concrete or have other patterns in them?

I. Introduction

A. Possible hook (a quotation, statistic, etc.):

B. Thesis & Organizer: This is the overall purpose of your research paper and the essential questions that you will be answering. (The essential questions do not need to be written as questions in the introduction.)

C. Thesis:

D. Organizer:

II. Body Paragraphs

A. 1st Essential Research

Question: _____

i. Supporting Evidence: List the types of sources you will be using here (facts, statistics, studies, testimonials, quotations, etc.)

ii. Analysis: Write a few sentences about the significance of this evidence. How does it support your main point or answer your essential question?

B. 2nd Essential Research Question: _____

i. Supporting Evidence: List the types of sources you will be using here (facts, statistics, studies, testimonials, quotations, etc.)

ii. Analysis: Write a few sentences about the significance of this evidence. How does it support your main point or answer your essential question?

C. 3rd Essential Research Question: _____

i. Supporting Evidence: List the types of sources you will be using here (facts, statistics, studies, testimonials, quotations, etc.)

ii. Analysis: Write a few sentences about the significance of this evidence. How does it support your main point or answer your essential question?

D. 4th Essential Research Question: _____

i. Supporting Evidence: List the types of sources you will be using here (facts, statistics, studies, testimonials, quotations, etc.)

ii. Analysis: Write a few sentences about the significance of this evidence. How does it support your main point or answer your essential question?

III. Conclusion. In this final paragraph you will restate and extend your purpose.

What is the significance of your research? Jot down 3-5 ideas that could possibly be used in your conclusion. Think about the importance, power, or impact of your topic. Consider what new questions this research leads to.