

# WRITING ORGANIZER

THESIS STATEMENT (Introductory sentences)

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**IDEA #1**

**SUPPORTING DETAILS AND EXAMPLES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**IDEA #2**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**IDEA #3**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSION (Closing statements)**

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## **Joining Words for Compound Sentences**

for  
and  
but  
or  
so  
yet  
however  
in fact  
therefore

## **Starter Words and/or Joining Words for Complex Sentences**

after	whenever
although	where
as	whereas
because	where ever
before	which
even though	while
if	who
since	as if
that	in order to/that
though	as long as
unless	whether
until	often
when	

## Transition Words and Phrases

Introduction	Middle	Middle (con't)	Conclusion
<b><i>Thesis Statements Types</i></b>			
Occasion-Position	One way	Another way	Certainly
Conjunction	In the first place	One other	As you can see
Question-Statement	One important	After that	Undoubtedly
Power	To begin with	Not only... but also	Without a doubt
Action Verb	To start	Another important	Without doubt
	Starting with	At the same time	Positively
	Initially	Besides	Unquestionably
	Furthermore	In this way	Undeniably
	Along with	Instantly	Surely
	Another idea	Suddenly	Absolutely
	Another way	Following this	
	Another important	At this point	
	In addition to	Later	
	Meanwhile	A little later	
	Usually	On the other hand	
	As soon as		
	While	<b>Last Subtopic</b>	
	Even though	Lastly	
	Additionally	Most important	
	Also	Ultimately	
	Immediately	After everything else	
	Generally	In the end	
	While	At long last	
	Again	Above all	
	In a while	Finally	
	Above all		
	Eventually		

# Figurative Language

## Onomatopoeia

Words that imitate the sound associated with the meaning

*Examples:*

*The basketball **swooshed** through the hoop.*

*We heard the **whack**; then the golf ball soared through air.*

## Alliteration

Initial *sounds* of words repeated in the same sentence

*Examples:*

*The **r**apids **r**olled, **r**aced, and **r**oared down the **r**iver.*

*The **w**ild **w**inds of **w**inter are upon us.*

## Simile

A comparison of two objects or ideas using the words *like* or *as*

*Examples:*

*The car was **as clean as** a whistle.*

*The twins behave **like** two peas in a pod.*

## Metaphor

A comparison between two objects or ideas using one in place of another to suggest the likeness between them (without the words *like* or *as*)

*Examples:*

*Her **hair was silk**.*

*The **man was a giant**.*

## Personification

Human attributes given to nonhuman things

*Examples:*

***Lightening danced** across the sky.*

*The wind **whispered** softly at the shore.*

## Hyperbole

An exaggeration of an idea or object

*Examples:*

*I ate a **mile high** ice cream cone.*

*I'm so hungry, I could **eat a horse!***

# Common Editing Marks

/	make lower case
≡	capitalize
^	add something
⊙	put a period
^, ,	put a comma
	take away
¶	make a paragraph
a  r	reverse order



## Boring Word Synonyms

<b>go/went</b>	<b>got/get</b>	<b>a lot</b>	<b>very</b>	<b>come/came</b>	<b>thing</b>	<b>fun</b>	<b>plus</b>	<b>happy/glad</b>
race	receive	very much	truly	arrive	object	fantastic	more	cheerful
leave	acquire	often	much	approach	item	delightful	increase	joyful
exit	approach	many	greatly	enter	article	enjoyable	and	exciting
depart	obtain	a bunch	exceedingly	reached		exciting	also	exuberant
dash	caught	great deal	most	attend		banter	additionally	satisfied
sprint	accept					enjoyment		perky
						cool		ecstatic
						a blast		
						fabulous		

<b>sad</b>	<b>mad</b>	<b>reason</b>	<b>like</b>	<b>funny</b>	<b>hard</b>	<b>big</b>	<b>small</b>	<b>see</b>
blue	angry	explanation	enjoy	hilarious	tough	large	tiny	look
depressed	enraged	benefit	fond	silly	difficult	humungous	mini	view
disappoint	furious	justification	care	amusing	steadfastly	super	shrunk	observe
upset	vengeful	example	adore	comical	complicated	immense	puny	watch
stressed	frustrated	way of	admire		strong	enormous	short	examine
tearful	hot	thinking			solid	gigantic	microscopic	stare
sorrowful		detail				kingsize		gaze
unhappy		event				huge		
miserable		idea				jumbo		
		point						

<b>cold</b>	<b>hot</b>	<b>eat</b>	<b>show</b>	<b>say/said</b>
freezing	blazing	chow down	present	jabber
Arctic	boiling	devour	represent	mumble
icy	intense	munch	entertain	chit/chat
chilly	steaming	gulp	display	state
	volcanic	consume		blab
	on fire/fire	feast		whine
	supernova	stuff		shout/yell
	heated	filled up		whisper
	burning			utter
				scream
				whimper
				begged
				agreed
				replied
				complained
				exclaimed
				added
				babbled
				announced
				answered
				shouted
				whispered
				joked
				argued

yelled	moaned
remarked	reported
cried	ordered

# Revising and Editing Your Essay

## IDEA

- answers the prompt
- interesting choice

## ORGANIZATION

- five paragraphs - Introduction, 3 middle, Conclusion

## FOCUS

- thesis statement
- one subtopic in each paragraph to match the thesis
- conclusion to parallel thesis statement

## FLUENCY

- each paragraph begins with a transition
- sentences with style - uses starter & joining words

## WORD CHOICE

- active voice - action verbs
- descriptive adjectives
- repeating words
- advanced words (eliminate happy, sad, glad, mad, thing, stuff, got, get ....)
- figurative language

## VOICE

- interesting to read and listen to
- personality shines through

## CONVENTIONS

- Spelling
- Capitalization,
- Punctuation