



ESSAY BRAINSTORMING & THESIS BUILDER



PLAN YOUR IDEAS. BUILD A STRONG THESIS. WRITE WITH PURPOSE.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Essay Topic: _____



1. UNDERSTAND THE TOPIC

What is the topic asking? _____

Key words or phrases: _____

What is the purpose of this essay? (Inform, Explain, Persuade, Describe, Narrate)

What do I already know about this topic?



2. BRAINSTORM IDEAS

List any ideas, facts, examples, experiences, or questions related to the topic.

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3. ORGANIZE YOUR IDEAS

Main Idea / Point #1: _____

Supporting Details / Examples:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Why is this important?

Main Idea / Point #2: _____

Supporting Details / Examples:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Why is this important?

Main Idea / Point #3: _____

Supporting Details / Examples:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Why is this important?



4. NARROW & CHOOSE YOUR FOCUS

Which ideas are most relevant to the topic and purpose?

What is the main point you want to make?

Why is this point worth writing about?



5. BUILD YOUR THESIS STATEMENT.

A strong thesis makes a claim and previews your main ideas.

Thesis Formula:

Although _____, I believe _____
because _____, _____, and _____.

My Thesis Statement:



6. OUTLINE YOUR ESSAY (QUICK PLAN)

Introduction (Hook + Background + Thesis): _____

Body Paragraph 1 (Main Idea + Details): _____

Body Paragraph 2 (Main Idea + Details): _____

Body Paragraph 3 (Main Idea + Details): _____

Conclusion (Restate Thesis + Wrap Up): _____



TIP: Great essays start with great planning! Take your time now to save time later.