



Writing is
THINKING!



1. Place the TOPIC of your essay here: _____

2. Place the AUDIENCE for the essay here: _____

3. In the space below brainstorm ideas for the topic:

4. When done brainstorming, group ideas and information logically.

5. What is the point you want to make? _____
This is your thesis
6. Select the groups you wish to use.
7. Add or eliminate information to your groups.
8. Create a formal essay graphic organizer.
9. Draft your essay.
10. Phew!

11. Complete the **Formal Essay: Writer's Essay Checklist**.
Staple this completed form to this page.
12. Hold a peer conference and complete the **Formal Essay: Student Reader Checklist**.
Staple this completed form to this page.
13. Note any problems or missing information/parts.
14. Edit your draft or have a peer edit. You are editing for grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling and usage.
15. Publish your piece ... complete your final copy.
16. Phew ... again!

Formula

1 st Paragraph	Hook Thesis 3 Main Points
2 nd Paragraph	Transition Sentence First Supporting Point Support the point with logical reasons, examples, facts, details, explanations, figures, ... Bring the paragraph to a close
3 rd Paragraph	Transition Sentence Second Supporting Point Support the point with logical reasons, examples, facts, details, explanations, figures, ... Bring the paragraph to a close
4 th Paragraph	Transition Sentence Third Supporting Point Support the point with logical reasons, examples, facts, details, explanations, figures, ... Bring the paragraph to a close
5 th Paragraph	Restate the Thesis ... reword Restate the 3 Main Points Bring the essay to a close (full circle, quote, future action, factual statement, insightful observation)