**ENG101: Models and Strategies for Organizing your paragraphs/subtopics**

If you are a natural writer (you tend to organize in your head successfully) or told to free write, **write first!**

**However IF NOT, or stuck:**

7 Sample recommended ‘School’ Essay organizational strategies
 ***\* the ‘assignment says’ examples in BOLD below come from actual essays/ tests from different subjects/courses***
**What assignment asks** OR

Organizational Strategy Assignment says/sample topic topic and sample of how it would be organized

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| A)Organized by Time earliest 🡪 current 🡪 last or future  | ***“Provide a timeline of … ””Write a history of….”****Timeline of financial crisis, history of Apple inc* | **Topic:** Jesse Owens increasing popularity of track**Subtopics in Order by Strategy A**:--Jesse owens setting highschool track records--Jesse owens then Olympics vs Nazis--Jesse owens may finally be known best for influence on breathing for runners |
| B) By Expanding scope/distance[local🡪 bigger 🡪 biggest] or[nearest 🡪 spreads 🡪 edge] | ***“Describe the expansion of…”****immigrants, internet, poverty, AIDS* | **Topic:** Gangs and and illegal immigration**Subtopics in Order by Strategy B:**--Hells Angels Motocycle Club started in CA--Hells Angels MC spread influence across West and SW --Hells Angels Motocycle Club has chapters in 29 nations |
| *C*) Storytelling – FOR narrative storytelling or ‘book reports’: various related, building examples, add up to a conclusion or climax  | ***Write a report on….Tell the story of…Create a narrative about…Describe your experience with…*** | **Topic:** Advantages of Electric Cars in the US**Subtopics in Order by Strategy C:**--hybrid electric cars means less pollution --hybrid electric cars could be adapted for solar charging--hybrid electric cars & less dependence on Mid.East oil |
| D) Step by Step (PROCESS) | ***Document how to ……Write instructions on how you…Write a process essay….*** | **Topic:** Catching the Zodiac Serial Killer**Subtopics in Order by Strategy D**:--First, cracking the code used by the zodiac serial killer--Second, using the code to narrow down the search--Thirdly, investigating and narrowing down suspects--Finally, moving in and capturing zodiac killer |
| E) Basic to Specialized audience to exceptions | ***Discuss for different audiences/groups****What impact did massive foreclosures have across all of America* …*Describe how… received by different groups* | **Topic:** Ways to speed up a Nissan**Subtopics in Order by Strategy E**:--Ways to speed up a Nissan for the everyday driver--Ways to speed up a Nissan for the drag racer--Ways to speed up a Nissan for the racing mechanic |
| F) First Model or first case 🡪 general theory, application, or rule | ***What conclusions do you derive from the test case…Create a case study for…What was the impact of…*** | **Topic:** Spread of Zombi-ism**Subtpics in order by Strategy F**:--Radiation accidental spill near cemetary--Good Samaritan stops car to help shuffling injured man --Bitten. Drives to hospital. Spread of biting expands  |
| G) Flowchart/Question and Answers | ***Design a customer service script for dealing with complaints for…*** | **Topic:** Has your computer been infected by a virus**Subtopics in Order by Strategy G**:-- Is there erratic behavior? If yes - what to do? --Is memory mysteriously leaking? If yes, what to do?-- Are file dates changing? If yes, what to do?' |