**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?' |