

ADVANCED ESSAY WRITING: GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Focus

Is it possible for all people living in the United States to achieve the American Dream?

Thesis Statement

What are you attempting to explain, prove, or persuade the reader to do? Make sure your thesis/claim is written in a complete sen-

CONTENT

Argument or Sub-Topic

Define the "American Dream."

Sources to cite:



Argument or Sub-Topic

Argument or sub-topic that supports your thesis.

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Concession and Refutation

Address the opposing side of the argument and provide a refutation that connects to it.

- Concession:
- Refutation:

Sources to cite:



Style

Grabber

Make sure you begin your essay by "grabbing" the reader's attention in an engaging way. Establish a creative thread that you can weave through into your conclusion.

Zinger

An essay should leave a final and lasting impression on the reader.

Grabber: How will you creatively capture or "Grab" the reader's interest?

Zinger: What thought-provoking ideas or call-to-action will you offer the reader

Organization

Alert!

The arrangement of content. The order developed and sustained within and across paragraphs using transitional devices; should follow a logical sequence of thought from introduction to conclusion.

Look over your arguments/sub-topics and decide the best order for your paragraphs. Use the blocks provided above to determine the order in which you will present your arguments/sub-topics.

Conventions

Alert!

Your essay must be polished and refined by the time you get to your final draft, and that means that you've spent time editing and revising it. Check your essay for grammar, usage, and mechanics!!!

- Are your sentences complete?
- Have you used proper punctuation and capitalization?
- Do you demonstrate proper usage (subject-verb agreement, tenses, etc)