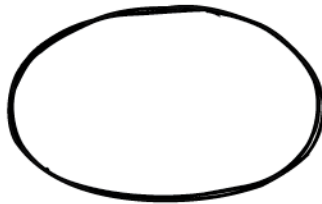


PLAN OF ATTACK

★ You have your main idea and facts from trustworthy sources — time to put it all together! ★

IDEA MAP

Write your main idea in the circle. What ideas and facts support your main idea? Write them outside the circle and draw a line to connect them to the main idea. If your ideas and facts support each other, draw a line to connect them too. In the end, your Idea Map will look like a spiderweb. Anything with a lot of strings attached to it could be a paragraph that supports your main idea.



LIST OUTLINE

Now that you have a better idea of how your ideas can be grouped together to support the main idea, make a list outline. This will be the order of your paper. What do you think is the best way to organize your paper? Your main idea will likely be in the introduction of your paper with supporting ideas as your body paragraphs.

STICK TO THE FACTS

Facts support the main idea by showing that the point you are trying to make is based on more than just your opinion. Choose facts carefully. If you use too many facts, you may confuse your reader. If you find a cool fact about a topic, but it doesn't fit in paper, take it out. Don't try to force it in.