

Essay Templates *Essay Templates*

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Template #1: A graphic organizer that will help you develop your thesis statement (topic, controlling idea, and sub-topics).

Template #2: The supporting details organizer will help you generate enough details and information to write a paragraph on each sub-topic.

Note: Use these templates with the article on “Helping Your Child Write an Essay: Organizing and Brainstorming.” ([Click here to print.](#))

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Essay Template #1: The Thesis Statement

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Topic:

What is the essay about?

Controlling Idea:

What are you saying about your topic?

Sub-topics (Supports):

How do you plan to support your topic?

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Template #2:
The Supporting Details
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You will need at least three supporting details for each sub-topic.

Support #1	Support #2	Support #3
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.

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