# Types of Organization

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| Comparison and Contrast | Sequence | Climatic Pattern |
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| This structure is used to explain how two or more topics in an argument are similar or different.<br><br>Example: Topic - Compare/contrast 2-year to 4-year college systems<br><br>**I. Cost of Tuition**<br>*Two-year*<br>*Four-year*<br>**II. Quality of Education**<br>*Two-year*<br>*Four-year*<br>**III. Educational Programs**<br>*Two-year*<br>*Four-year* | uses time, numerical, or spatial order as the organizing structure<br><br>Example: *(Disclaimer: only a select few events are mentioned)*<br><br>**I. 1492 - 1607**<br>*Columbus*<br>*Founding of Jamestown*<br>**II. 1608- 1776**<br>*Boston Tea Party*<br>*Declaration of Independence*<br>**III. 1777 - 1789**<br>*British Surrender*<br>*Constitution was put into place* | Organizes information in your essay from the least important to the most important. As your essay progresses, the crescendo of information holds the reader's attention.<br><br>Example: Thesis - Cats are better than dogs<br><br>**I. Cats are fluffier**<br>*Example 1*<br>*Example 2*<br>**II. Cats clean up after themselves**<br>*Example 1*<br>*Example 2*<br>**III. Cats control mouse/pest population**<br>*Example 1*<br>*Example 2* |
| **Problem and Solution** | **Cause and Effect** | **Topical Pattern** |
| This structure would be used when you are required to solve something. State a problem and come up with a solution.<br><br>**Example:**<br>**I. Problem: Motorized Transportation**<br>*Increasing traffic*<br>*Increasing pollution*<br>*Increasing "road rage"*<br>**II. Solution: Riding Bicycles**<br>*Reduces number of cars on the road*<br>*Not a source of pollution*<br>*Health benefits* | Used to show how certain things cause another thing to happen.<br><br>**Example:**<br>**I. Causes of Bullying**<br>*Poor family life*<br>*Need of control*<br>**II. Effects of Bullying**<br>*Depression*<br>*Change sleeping/eating habits*<br>*Loss of interest in activity* | Organizes information into subtopics that fall under larger topics. When another organizational pattern doesn't work, this structure usually works.<br><br>**Example:**<br>**I. Mammals**<br>*Cats*<br>*Dogs*<br>*Pigs*<br>**II. Aquatic Animals**<br>*Dolphins*<br>*Whales*<br>*Sharks*<br>*Starfish* |

# Activities!

**John is having some trouble with his essay about cats and dogs! Help him out and organize the following information on the left side of the page into an outline on the right side of the page using the topical organizational pattern.**

*John's essay ideas*

Calico

Golden Retriever

Siamese

Persian

German Shepherd

Pug

**Julia is having some trouble with her history essay! Help her out and organize the following information on the left side of the page into an outline on the right side of the page (hint: you can use the dates to organize or similar ideas to organize).**

*Julia's Essay Ideas*

1937 - Japan invades China

1945 - Hitler commits suicide and Germany Surrenders

1939 - Germany and Soviet Union invade Poland

1936 - Axis created

1941 - Japan bombs Pearl Harbor

1938 - Munich Agreement

1944 - US troops land in Philippines

1940 - Italy invades Poland

1945 - US dropped atomic bombs on Japan, Japan surrenders

1943 - US and British troops invade Sicily