

Structure Your Argument: Make a Plan

A. Collect Your Ideas

Review your freewriting and pull out the main points you want to make. Don't worry about the order.

B. Write a Claim

- Look back at the **Performance task Assignment** to help you structure your claim.
- You might begin with one of these sentence structures:
 - _____ is important, but it's being ignored.
 - No one is paying attention to _____, but it's vital.
 - We're all overlooking the importance of _____.

C. Plan a Structure

I. Introduction

- Define the Problem:** explain all aspects of the problem you will write about.
- Include an opening sentence to interest your readers (i.e., dramatic fact or quick punchy anecdote)

II. Body

Explain why the problem is important, listing your ideas & evidence in logical order.

B O D Y P A R A G R A P H 1	TOPIC SENTENCE:
	EXPLANATION:
	EVIDENCE:
	ELABORATION (look back to your claim)
	TRANSITION SENTENCE TO NEXT PARAGRAPH:

B O D Y P A R A G R A P H 2	TOPIC SENTENCE:
	EXPLANATION:
	EVIDENCE:
	ELABORATION (look back to your claim)
	TRANSITION SENTENCE TO NEXT PARAGRAPH:

CO UN TER CL AIM PA RA GR AP H	TOPIC SENTENCE: EXPLANATION: EVIDENCE: ELABORATION (look back to your claim) TRANSITION SENTENCE TO NEXT PARAGRAPH:
BO DY PA RA GR AP H 4	TOPIC SENTENCE: EXPLANATION: EVIDENCE: ELABORATION (look back to your claim) TRANSITION SENTENCE TO NEXT PARAGRAPH:
iii. CONCLUSION	
● Present Solutions: Restate your claim and leave a memorable impression. ● Conclude by talking about ways people might find practical, realistic solutions	

