

After you have **explored** your topic and researched examples and facts, it's time to **organize** the information you gathered. Begin by thinking about the **main idea** of your paper. Then, see if you can group the facts you found into categories. Some of these categories will become the *supporting details* for your *body paragraphs* and will prove the thesis of your paper. If you find you are missing information for a certain category, go back to the *explore* step and fill in the gaps.

Main Idea of my Paper:

Category One	Category Two	Category Three	Category Four	Category Five	Category Six
<p>•Jot notes, facts, and examples:</p>	<p>•Jot notes, facts, and examples:</p>	<p>•Jot notes, facts, and examples:</p>	<p>•Jot notes, facts, and examples:</p>	<p>•Jot notes, facts, and examples:</p>	<p>•Jot notes, facts, and examples:</p>