# Pen script Write Along logo, #trentwritealong **Creating an Outline**

1. Goal or purpose
   1. Argument
   2. Assessment
   3. Explanation
2. Question and thesis
3. Blocks of essay: Categories or supporting ideas
   1. Categories or Themes
   2. Process or Stages
   3. Chronological Narrative
   4. Cause and effect
   5. Background information
4. Order the blocks
5. Break down the blocks – different ideas to develop? What evidence? What connections?

# Introduction

Topic – Purpose

Key Concepts/Ideas

Thesis

# Background/Context

# Block 1: Big Idea/Argument

Link to thesis

## Block 1: Idea 1

What is the idea?

What evidence supports it?

How does it connect to the block?

## Block 1: Idea 2

What is the idea?

What evidence supports it?

How does it connect to the block?

## Block 1: Conclusion/Transition

Connect Idea 1 & Idea 2

Link to thesis

# Block 2: Big Idea/Argument

Link to thesis

## Block 2: Idea 1

What is the idea?

What evidence supports it?

How does it connect to the block?

## Block 2: Idea 2

What is the idea?

What evidence supports it?

How does it connect to the block?

## Block 2: Conclusion/Transition

Connect Idea 1 & Idea 2

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