

## R.A.F.T.S. Organizer

This prewriting activity helps you focus on what you will write. It provides a structure to help you make decisions about purpose, form, audience, and tone. Of what are **R.A.F.T.S.** made?

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**R** A *Role* from which to do the writing

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**A** An *Audience* for whom the writing is intended

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**F** A *Format* in which to write

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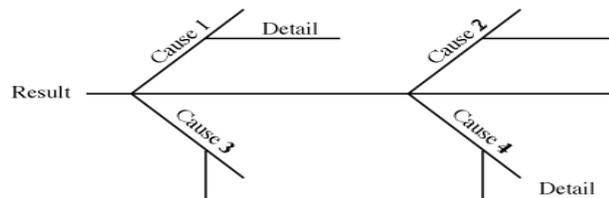
**T** A *Topic* about which to write

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**S** A *Strong Verb*

## Fishbone Map Organizer

This type of prewriting organizer is used to show the causal interaction of a complex event (for example an election or a nuclear explosion) or complex phenomenon (for example juvenile delinquency or learning disabilities). Key frame questions: What are the factors that causes X? How do they interrelate? Are the factors that causes X the same as those that cause X to persist?



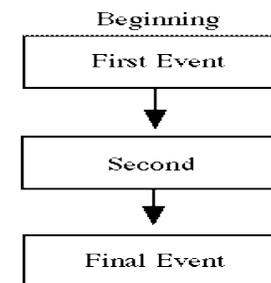
## Prewriting: How to Get Started?



- **Graphic Organizers** are brainstorming webs, mind maps, and stimulating charts that allow you to organize your thoughts and ideas. There are many different types from which to choose. Pick the one that is best suited to your topic. These graphics show at a glance the key parts of the whole and their relationships, helping you to solve organizational problems before you begin to write.

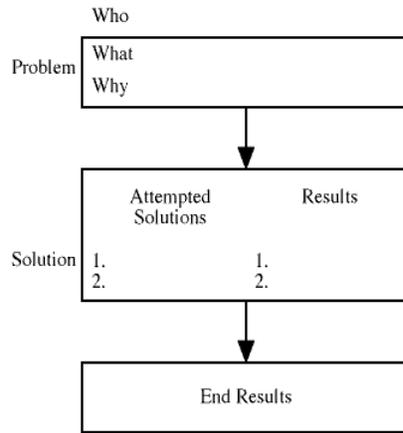
## Chain of Events Organizer

A chain of events organizer is used to describe the stages of an event, the actions of a character, or the steps in a procedure. Key questions consist of: What is the first step in the procedure or initiating event? What are the next stages or steps? How does one event lead to another? What is the final outcome?



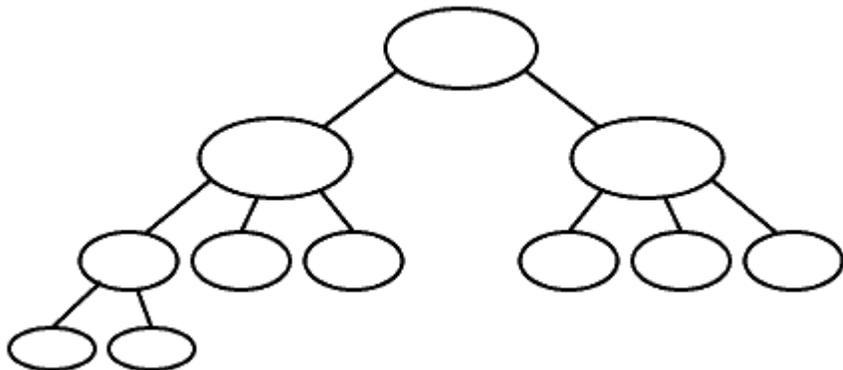
## Problem/Solution Organizer

This type of prewriting organizer is used to represent a problem, attempted solutions, and results. Key frame questions consist of: What was the problem? Who had the problem? Why was it a problem? What attempts were made to solve the problem? Did those attempts succeed?



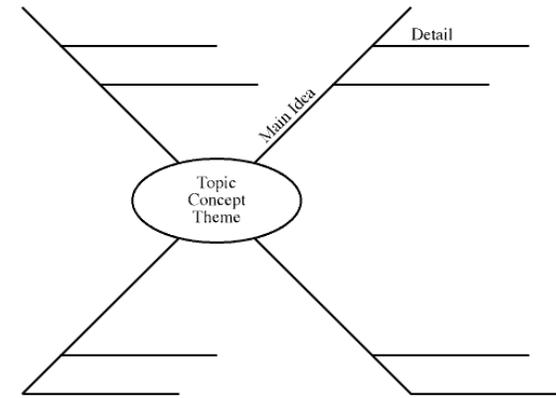
## Network Tree Organizer

Network tree organizers are used to show causal information (for example causes of poverty), a hierarchy (for example types of insects), or branching procedures (for example the circulatory system). Key frame questions consist of: What is the super ordinate category? What are the subordinate categories? How are they related? How many levels are there?



## Spider Map Organizer

Spider map organizers are used to describe a central idea: a thing (for example a geographic region), process (for example photosynthesis), concept (for example altruism), or proposition with support (s/a experimental drugs should be available to AIDS victims). Key frame questions consist of: What is the central idea? What are its attributes? What are its functions?



## Cycle Organizer

A cycle organizer is used to show how a series of events interact to produce a set of results again and again (for example weather phenomena, cycles of achievement and failure, or the life cycle). Key frame questions consist of: What are the critical events in the cycle? How are they related? In what ways are they self-reinforcing?

