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# Opinion Essay: Idea Map

A graphic organizer can help you map out your main ideas and details.

Use the idea web below to make your own web outline.

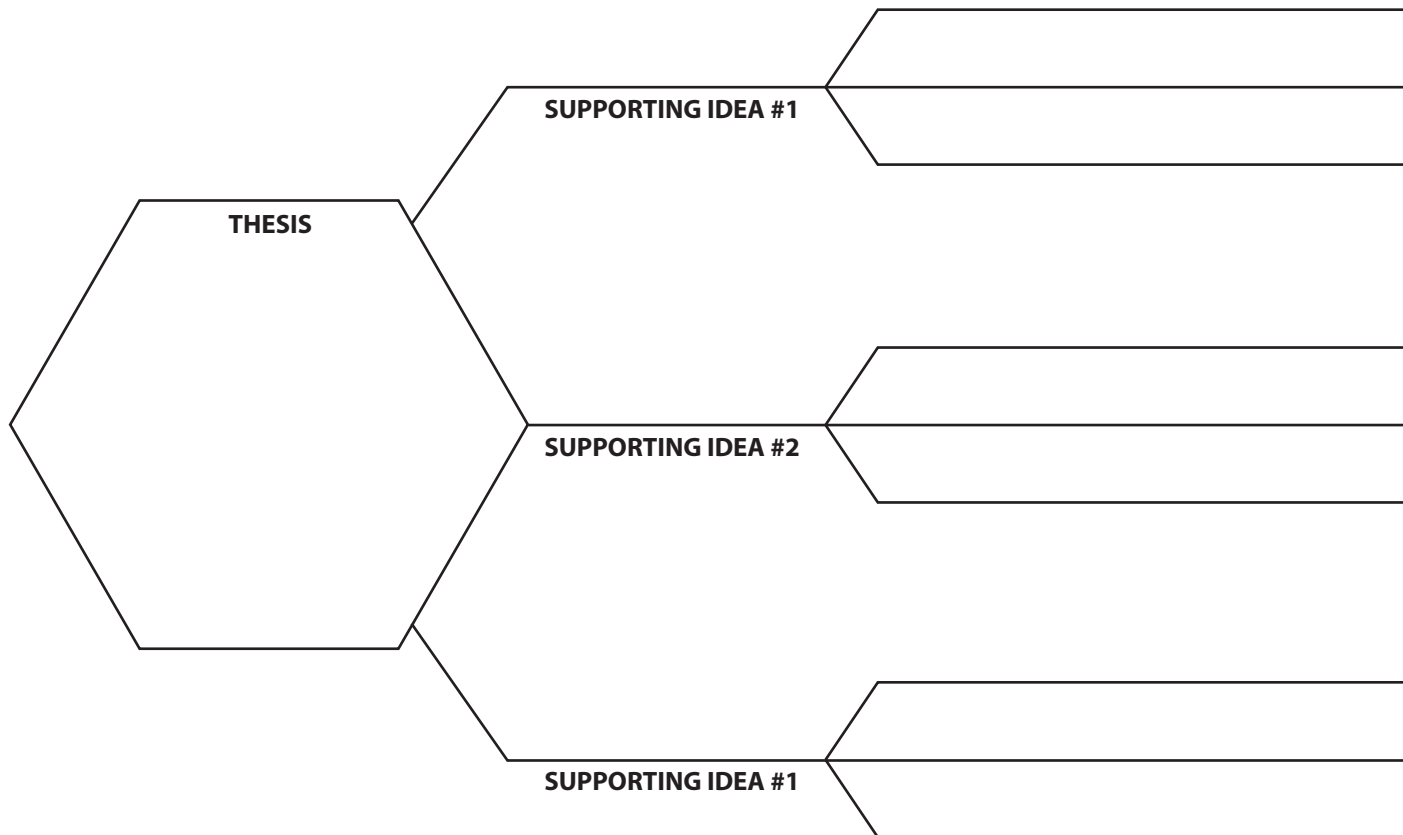
1. Pick a **topic** - an issue that you care about.
2. Write your **main idea**, or **thesis**, in the middle.
3. Generate three **supporting ideas** and write them on the "support" branches.
4. Write two or three **details** that give additional information about each support at the end of each branch.  
These should be details that provide evidence or persuade the reader.
5. Think of two **counterpoints** - reasons that oppose your view.
6. Write your "**so what**." What do you think should happen with this issue?

Each topic and set of details will become a paragraph when you begin to draft your essay.



TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

DETAILS



COUNTERPOINTS

SO WHAT