

The Writing Process

1. Research and/or Brainstorm!

(Don't evaluate what you're writing. Just get it down on paper.)

2. Group Your Ideas!

**(Chronologically, Geographically
Thematically, or Pro/Con)**

- *If you're responding to a question that makes the organization obvious, try to do this stage before Number #1. This will save you a lot of time!*

3. Create a Simple Outline!

(Thesis, Topic Sentences, Main Points)

4. Write!

**(Use Transitions and Good
Explanations)**

- *Use relevant and fully explained examples.*

5. Revise and Rewrite (...if time)

- *Check spelling, grammar, punctuation, organization and explanations.*

*Some words of wisdom: Don't skip these steps. There are no shortcuts,
just dead-ends.*