



## PAPER ORGANIZATION

The key to organizing your ideas is to look for relationships. This handout includes some organizational patterns to consider.

**Analysis:** State what ideas and/or parts are involved and their effects.

**Argument or Debate:** Use ethical, logical, or emotional appeals.

**Chronological:** Arrange events in the order they occurred.

**Classification:** Mention what types of ideas and/or items are used.

**Compare and Contrast:** State similar ideas and differing ideas.

**Definition:** Give the meaning of an idea or subject.

**Evaluation:** Determine what the value of an idea or subject is.

**Five-Paragraph Format:** Include an introduction, three main points, and a conclusion.

**Problem and Solution:** Identify problems and their possible answers.

**Themes:** Use ideas commonly presented within a text.