

G.R.A.P.E.S. Paragraph Writing Guide

The following steps are to help you take your research notes and organize them into the G.R.A.P.E.S. paragraphs that you will put on your tri-fold.

Step 1: Go through your notes and highlight the most *IMPORTANT* facts.

Reminder: You are only highlighting the facts that your audience needs to understand about your country.

Step 2: Take the facts you selected and write them in the *key points* boxes of the graphic organizer.

Reminder: You do not have to write in complete sentences in these boxes.

Step 3: Go back and number your *key points* boxes in the order you will sequence them in your paragraph.

Reminder: Think about putting your facts in a logical sequence that makes sense to the reader.

Step 4: Write an interesting *topic sentence*.

Reminder: Use the list of *sample leads* to hook your audience.

Step 5: Write the *concluding sentence*.

Reminder: This sentence should wrap up all of the key facts you explained in your paragraph.

Step 6: Type your draft paragraph on the computer. Remember to **save**.

Reminder: Use the list of transitions to help connect ideas together.

Step 7: Repeat steps 1-6 for each of your G.R.A.P.E.S. paragraphs.

When you have finished all 6 of your paragraphs complete these steps:

Step 8: Go back and reread each paragraph with your partner and edit and revise.

Reminder: Check for spelling errors, capitalization and complete thoughts.

Step 9: Print your 6 G.R.A.P.E.S. paragraphs.