

Digital Documentary Research Essay Graphic Organizer

Use this organizer to help you write a 2-4 page essay synthesizing the research that you have performed.

First paragraph:

This should include an anecdote or fact that introduces the subject. The last line should be introduce the essential question and your thesis.

(Hook) Fact or anecdote:

Thesis/main claim:

Second paragraph:

This should include answers to the “what questions” along with SPECIFIC evidence (document or outside source) that supports these claims.

Answers to “What” questions :

Evidence or document that supports :

Third paragraph:

This should give answers to a “so what” question along with SPECIFIC evidence (document or outside source) that supports this claim. Warrant your claim. That is, answer: How does this evidence prove your claim is true? Show your thinking!

Answer to “so what” question:

Evidence or document that supports that:

Warrant:

Fourth paragraph:

This should give answers to a “so what” question along with SPECIFIC evidence (document or outside source) that supports this claim. Warrant your claim. That is, answer: How does this evidence prove your claim is true? Show your thinking!

Answer to “so what” question (Topic Sentence):

Evidence or document that supports that:

Warrant:

Fifth paragraph:

Best objection. What are the reasons others may argue the other side? What are the flaws in the opposing argument?

The opposite argument and evidence to support it:

How can you turn this around to actually support your argument? This should provide more evidence.

Fourth paragraph:

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Answer to “now what” question (Topic Sentence):

Evidence or document that supports that:

Warrant:

Final paragraph: *Wrap up your argument.*

Here you should revisit the essential question, your thesis, and your major claims. Bring your point home.