Organizing and Transitioning Activity Sheet

In this sheet, you’ll be able to take an essay/prompt that you need to work on and break it apart, splitting your ideas into an introduction, however many body paragraphs are appropriate, and a conclusion. Here’s a refresher on organization:

**Introduction** - Introduce your topic, give essential background information, state your thesis.

**Body Paragraphs** - The “meat” that follows the structure of your thesis and builds your argument made in the thesis.

**Conclusion** - Wrap up your ideas.

In between body paragraphs, there will be a section to work on transitioning, as to help come up with ideas on how to relate ideas and transition smoothly throughout your essay. If you’re having difficulties identifying how you want to organize the main ideas of your body paragraphs, here’s a reminder on the types of patterns of organization:

- **Chronological**
- **Topical**
- **Spatial**
- **Climactic**
- **Compare & Contrast**
- **Cause & Effect**

Down below, write out ideas for your introduction, body paragraphs (as many as you need), and conclusion; this should help you organize the essay you’re working on. Don’t write full paragraphs—this is just for organization practice.

**Introduction** (write essential background information, attention-grabbing ideas, etc.):

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Thesis (this is your central argument that all main points should back up):

Body Paragraph 1 (first main point):

Transition (how does main point 1 relate to your next point?):

Body Paragraph 2 (second main point):

Transition (how does main point 2 relate to your next point?):

Body Paragraph 3 (third main point):

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Transition to Conclusion (this should signal that this is the last main point):

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Conclusion (write ideas for synthesizing all main points and wrapping it up):

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