

# Story Structure Organizer

As you begin to snip, flip, and fill in the core of your essay, you may feel a little disoriented and uncertain about your story's final structure. Don't worry: that's normal! Here's what you need to do: STEP AWAY FROM THE FREEWRITES. Now run through these three easy exercises. ;)

## 1 The Admissions Report

Imagine you are the admissions officer who has just read your essay. You are writing up a brief (but glowing!) report on this applicant (you!) to send to your fellow reviewers. What do you write? Summarize the essay and describe the student to your colleagues in one paragraph.

## 2 The Admissions Review

Reread the paragraph you wrote and try to distill it to one sentence. Guess what? This is your main point! (Pretty cool, right?) It is the crux of your essay, so fill it into the "MAIN POINT" bubble in the story structure visual organizer.

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Use this basic story structure to map out some other key moments and lines from your freewrites. Once the basics are in place, you'll be ready to snip/flip/fill the rest of your story.

★ **BONUS:** Ask yourself what might be missing (if anything). Maybe it's time to try a new lens?

**NOTE:** This structure might not be your cup of tea. Or you might have another idea. Either way, that's totally fine. At the end of the day you need to tell the story that best illustrates and supports your main point.

