

STAGE 2: Drafting

- ❑ You can't begin drafting until you understand the assignment.
- ❑ Make sure you have your pre-write done.
 - Ideas written down (brainstorming, graphic organizer, outlines)

IF YOU HAVE THE TWO BOXES ABOVE, you're ready for:

- Creating a thesis (your purpose/argument)
- Organizing ideas into support for your thesis
- Decide how you want to present your ideas (type of paper--informative, persuasive, etc.)
- Make sure you have a hook, something to grab your reader's attention early in the paper
- Create a more solid outline for introduction, body, and conclusion paragraphs.

Example:

I. Introduction

1. Sentence(s) to get the attention of your readers
2. One-sentence thesis statement that presents an argument PLUS supporting points

II. Body

1. TOPIC SENTENCE about first thesis point
 - a. Example and explanation
 - b. More example and explanation/textual evidence
 - c. Concluding transition sentence into next paragraph
2. TOPIC SENTENCE about second thesis point:
 - a. Example and explanation
 - b. More example and explanation/textual evidence
 - c. Concluding transition sentence into next paragraph
3. Complete steps 1 and 2 for Body above for however many thesis points you have.

III. Conclusion

1. Reiterate WHY your argument is valid and help readers understand how it matters (don't assume they just agree with you).