

Using Your Main Research Question to Determine an Organizational Pattern

| Question | Example | Organizational Pattern |
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| How is something done? | How is a violin made? | Process Analysis |
| How did/does one thing affect another? | How do violent video games affect children? | Cause-Effect |
| What happened? | What really happened to JFK? | Narration |
| What are the similarities or differences of two or more things? | Which alternative fuel will shape the future? | Compare-Contrast |
| What are the components or parts of something? | What types of jobs are there in the space program? | Classification-Division |
| What decision should be made? | Can Obama's health care bill help America's people? | Pro-Con |
| What is something? | What is Attention Deficit Disorder? | Definition |
| What does something look, sound, taste, smell, feel like? | What is an autopsy? | Description |
| Why should something be done? | Why should minimum wage be raised to a living wage? | Argumentation |