

Make a Plan

Use this **ESSAY PLANNING CHART** to help you organize the main points of your essay and plan the elaboration of these points. This chart can be helpful in planning expository (informative), persuasive, descriptive, and narrative essays.

EXERCISE

Complete the essay planning chart. Begin by writing a thesis statement that sums up the main idea of your essay. Then list three ideas or points that support the thesis. Finally, list reasons, examples, or details that elaborate each point. Refer to the completed planning chart as you draft.

Thesis	
Idea or point	Reasons, examples, or details
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.