

**Organizing Reasons to Support a Claim
Chronologically or by Priority?**

1) Essays organized **chronologically** present reasons by time or sequence. Reasons and supporting examples to support the claim are given in order from the beginning of the book, to the middle, and to the end. Chronological order is a persuasive method to organize a literary essay when claiming that a character has changed over the course of the story.

Common Chronological Transitions:

- First, Next, Then, Last
 - At the beginning, Near the middle, At the end
 - Initially, Later on, Finally
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2) Essays organized by **priority** present reasons and examples by importance or significance. This structure is considered when evidence can be ranked from more compelling to less compelling.

Common Priority Transitions:

- Most important, In fact, Accordingly
 - Besides, Further, Furthermore, Moreover
 - Most significantly, Next, Further, Less Important
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Which type of organization will work for your essay? Circle one above

Give evidence explaining why _____

Look at your 3 reasons from the 2/17 notebook entry.

Using the transitions from above, how will you organize your reasons?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Claim:

Reason:

Supporting Example 1 [direct quotation or important events]

Supporting Example 2 [direct quotation or important events]

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