

# Rough Plan Worksheet

The rough plan worksheet is an organizational tool to help create more seamless, well-ordered papers. It can be used in two different ways:

1. Immediately after you've finished brainstorming and invention, you can use the rough plan worksheet to create a roadmap for your paper. Simply write your thesis in the thesis box at the top of the worksheet (so that you always have a visual reminder of your main point). Then, fill in one key idea from your invention into each paragraph. Be sure you know how that idea relates to your thesis, and what support you can offer to corroborate it.
2. After you've written a draft of your paper, you can make a "reverse outline" of it with the rough plan worksheet. Simply take fill out the worksheet based on the way you've actually written your assignment.

You may find that a paragraph at the end should be moved closer to the beginning. Or you might have two paragraphs that repeat the same idea (and one needs to be eliminated; or they both should be truncated and combined). Or you might have a large logical gap between two paragraphs, and you need to write a short "transitional" paragraph between them to fill it.

Using the rough plan as a reverse outline enables you to identify and fix these types of problems.

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<b>Thesis:</b>	
<b>Purpose of Paragraph (in this ¶ I will prove):</b>	Topic Sentence:
Relationship to Thesis:	Points of Support (evidence):
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