

English Language Arts Portfolio: Memory Explanatory Article

Directions: Use this graphic organizer to create the essay. **DO NOT TURN IN THIS GRAPHIC ORGANIZER ONLY AS YOUR ESSAY. Make sure you turn in the essay as a different document, or at the bottom of this graphic organizer.**

Introduction Paragraph (4-5 sentences)	
Hook: Grab the reader's attention by using a question, dialogue, action, a setting, a quote, onomatopoeia, or inner thinking that is related to the topic of memory.	
Titles and authors of the memory articles that you used to help you write the essay	The title and author of Source 1 is... The title and author of Source 2 is
Thesis/Controlling Idea	In this essay, I will write about...
Body Paragraph 1 (5-6 sentences)	
Topic Sentence	
Describe how memory works in your own words using the Source 1 article.	According to the Source 1 article, memory...
Body Paragraph 2 (5-6 sentences)	
Topic Sentence	
Using Source 1, define the 3 different types of memory	The three different types of memory are...
Using Source 1, describe how the 3 different types of memory work.	The 3 types of memory work in different ways. The first type of memory.... The second type of memory..... The third type of memory....
Using Source 1, explain why people forget things and start losing their memory.	According to the article, people start becoming forgetful and losing their memory when...

Body Paragraph 3 (5-6 sentences)	
Topic Sentence	
Summarize the different exercises described in Source 2 that help to strengthen your memory.	There are a variety of different strategies that one can use to improve their memory. First,..... Second,..... Last,.....
Describe the activity that most stood out to you.	I identified with the _____ activity because...
Conclusion Paragraph (4-5 sentences)	
Restate the thesis	In conclusion, these articles discuss topics and themes relating to...
Make a connection	These articles are important and relevant to my life because...
Summarize your most important takeaway from the articles, and finish with a thought-provoking sentence.	