

## “What is a Graphic Organizer?” Video Transcript – 4:52

Welcome, today we are going to take a look at, what is a Graphic Organizer.

Our learning goals for today include: what is a graphic organizer, where is a graphic organizer used, and how can a graphic organizer be helpful.

Let’s start out with taking a look at what is a graphic organizer.

A graphic organizer is a study tool that’s used to organize information. It is used in the writing process after brainstorming we organize information when we organize information we can use graphic organizers. It can also be used to help a person who is working on a project stay organized during a series of challenging tasks.

There are dozens of different kinds of graphic organizers and some of those include an outline, a web map, tree, or cluster, Venn diagram or three column notes. There are many different kinds of graphic organizers so you have lots to choose from.

Here is a short list of some of the graphic organizers that are available to you and on the right side is an example of a part of an outline. You can see that the outline is very formal in the way it is structured.

Graphic Organizers tend to appeal to different people. Some appeal to people who are more visual. Some appeal to people who like to organize things by color, or by space, or by moving things around. One of your tasks will be to find graphic organizers that you like so that you have tools to use.

Where are graphic organizers used? They are a big part of the writing process in step 2 which we will take a look at. They are also a big part of project preparation. It is hard to be organized if you are not using a good tool to be organized. Graphic organizers can be very useful here. They are also used in taking notes and in staying organized generally.

In the writing process graphic organizers are used in step 2. We can see here we that we start off with brain storming and after brainstorming we go to organizing information. When we organize we can use an outline or a graphic organizer. After that we start to apply our information into drafting, editing, and revising, and then final drafting.

Graphic organizers help us to take a large amount of information that has been collected and organize it in a logical manner.

The writing process starts out with brainstorming. A brainstorm is a collection of information on a topic. The way a writer would do this is to write down all of the questions and knowledge they have on this topic. And then they would go out and do research on this topic collect all of that and put it into the brainstorm. A brainstorm can contain a wide variety of things such as interviews, research, statistics, facts and figures, survey results, opinions from experts and quotations from experts. Any of those would be very normal to see in a brainstorm.

Now in the second step this is where we see the graphic organizer come in. Here we are taking the information from the outline and organizing it in a logical manner, this is where we use the graphic organizer. What you do is to take the information from the brainstorm, break it up in to categories, and

the fill in your graphic organizer For a typical graphic organizer it should include your information from your brainstorm, very clear organization and a minimum of 4 items per paragraph. So for a standard 5 paragraph essay you gonna have at least 20 items in the graphic organizer.

Graphic organizers are useful in a variety of ways. They can help in note taking, in organizing information from a brain storm, or in organizing while doing a project, plus they just look fantastic.

Some great tips for you on using graphic organizers is to experiment with a few different kinds of graphic organizers-then break it down into one or two that you really like. After you find those couple that you really like use those for everything they will be very helpful for you.

What you should know and be able to do at this point is to know what a graphic organizer is, be able to create your own graphic organizer, and to understand the different uses for graphic organizers.

I hope this information has been helpful to you, good luck with your writing.

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