

The Role of African Americans in the Civil War

Try It – Explanatory Writing Diagram and Graphic Organizer

Introductory Paragraph

- State thesis or claim clearly
- Provide background information about the claim and why it is important
- Use domain specific vocabulary as appropriate
- Indicate what information will follow in the essay



First Support Section/Paragraph

- Directly supports your claim or thesis
- Provide facts, examples, details and/or quotations to support your claim
- Use domain specific vocabulary as appropriate
- Use appropriate transitional words to link the paragraphs



Second Support Section/Paragraph

- Directly support your claim or thesis
- Provide facts, examples, details and/or quotations to support your claim
- Use domain specific vocabulary as appropriate
- Use appropriate transitional words to link the paragraphs



Additional Support Section/Paragraph(s) – as needed

- Directly support your claim or thesis
- Provide facts, examples, details and/or quotations to support your claim
- Use domain specific vocabulary as appropriate
- Use appropriate transitional words to link the paragraphs



Conclusion

- Restate the thesis or claim
- Reword the main topic points and bring them to a close