

LTW SUPPLEMENT
Essay Two
Arrangement A: Guide to Sorting

When your students write essays with supports that are disconnected from the main reasons, use these instructions as a guide for sorting the ANI. Learning the process below can yield a tight logical connection between supports and main reasons.

First, sort the items within the Affirmative column:

1. Sort group one.
 - Place a symbol (such as @ or &) beside the first (top) item in the list.
 - Look at the second item to see if the two items match, then the third item, etc. If an item does not match the first, skip it and continue checking the rest of the items in the column.
 - As soon as you find a second item that matches the first one, ask why they match. That reason is the name of the first group. Write it next to the matching item.
 - Check the rest of the items in the A column to find others that belong with the first group name.
 - Mark each matching item with the same symbol the first group uses.
 - After you have checked every item in the A column, the first group is finished and named.

2. Sort group two
 - Return to the first unmarked item in the list. Mark it with a new symbol.
 - Look down the list again, checking each unmarked item to see if it matches the first item of the new group.
 - When one matches, mark the matching item with the second symbol.
 - Ask why they match. That reason is the name of the second group. Write it next to the matching item.
 - Check the rest of the unmarked items in the A column. If an item does not match, skip it. When you find an item that matches the second group name, mark it with the second group's symbol.
 - When you reach the end of the column, you have finished and named the second group.

3. Group three: go back to the top of the column, to the first item that is still unmarked. Give it a third symbol and proceed with the same steps you used to make the first two groups.

Repeat as needed.

When all the items are in groups, the A column is sorted. But you could have one or two unique items that don't belong in a group with anything else; it's the same thing that happens when you sort items in real life.

Last, check the I column to see if it contains items that could go into any of your A groups.

Second, sort the items in the Negative column:

Use the same process you used to create and name groups in the Affirmative column, checking the I column afterwards for any additional items you might put into your N column groups.

Third, select the three best groups from each side. List them below the ANI.

Fourth, choose a side.