

# Essay Organizational Ideas

President (try to write in chronological order)

- **1<sup>st</sup> paragraph: Introduction**
  - Introduce who it is you are writing about & when they were born.
  - Give a reason for reading about them (ex: they were the \_\_\_\_ President or they were President during the \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Conclude with a statement about where they are now or how they died.
  
- **2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Early childhood**
  - Mom, dad, siblings, etc.
  - Where did they grow up
  - What were they like as a child
  - Special things from their childhood
  
- **3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: Young Adulthood/ Education**
  - Any schooling they had: high school/ college; degrees earned, graduation date, awards earned, what they studied
  - Jobs before being President
  - Other areas of interest before being President
  
- **4<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Adulthood Family**
  - Where did they live
  - Spouse- how did they meet, what does spouse do, when did they marry & where
  - Children- include all (explain if any died young)
  
- **5<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Presidency**
  - When elected & for what party (may include who they ran against & Vice-President)
  - What important things happened during the Presidency
  - How did people feel about this person as President
  - Re-elections/ number of years (or number of terms) in office
  - Influences still today
  
- **6<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Post-Presidency**
  - What did they do after being President
  - Where did they live
  - Important things they contributed to
  
- **7<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Conclusion**
  - How, when, & where did they die –OR- Where are they now
  - Are their children/ spouse still living
  - How will they be remembered