In the **Organization** category, you have achieved a rating of **Advanced**.

You can continue to improve your writing by carefully considering and improving the organization of your essay.

You should remember a few things when revising for organization:

1. Ensure the introduction effectively captures reader attention, summarizes the ongoing argument on the issue, states your claim, and previews your reasons. Consider including a counterargument.
2. Your body paragraphs can be organized using different strategies such as arranging your support from weakest to strongest, as a chain of causes and effects, or by using a point/counterpoint or pros/cons pattern.
3. Transition words can enhance the relationship between and among ideas; each part of your argument should be clear and cohesive.
4. Your conclusion should follow from and support the reasons you have presented. Be sure to restate your claim and summarize how you defended your claim. Encourage the reader take action or conclude with an effective final thought.

Now, revise your essay to improve its organization.

First, be sure you have included all necessary components. Next, select an organizational structure and be sure you have included strong transitions within and among paragraphs.

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| **Questions for Reviewing Your  Essay’s Organization** | **Potential Action** |
| Have you indicated a plan for the organization of your essay in your introduction? Have you included a counterargument? | In your transition into or out of your claim within your introduction, consider adding a brief sentence that previews the reasons you’ll discuss throughout the argument. Try a parallel structure. (For example: In all decisions related to this issue, officials should keep X, Y, and Z in mind.) |
| What is the relationship between the first point and the rest of the argument? | Is it sequential or are the strongest or weakest or have you used some other relationship like cause and effect? Have you helped the reader understand the main values or issues at stake from your perspective in each of your transitions? |
| Given the main purpose of the previous paragraph, what is the relationship of the second paragraph to the first?  Repeat the evaluation above for each of your additional points. | Do your transition words make the relationship between the first and second points clear and interesting?  The first thing that comes to mind is…. What naturally follows….  It is almost a given that... is important in discussions about…. But what some people forget to consider is..., a critical point in the debate over.... |
| Does your conclusion add an overall interest to the essay or repeat what’s already been said? | Consider touching on the overall audience values noted in your introduction or in each part of the body. Develop a clincher sentence that captures a truth that this audience might be more likely to accept after having read your essay. |