



Informative Essay Graphic Organizer

This side-by-side graphic organizer helps students plan an informative essay. The left column provides a blank template. The right column shows a completed example on the topic: The Importance of Recycling.

Hook:

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Example: Have you ever wondered where your trash goes after you throw it away?

Bridge:

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Example: Most people do not realize how much waste ends up in landfills and oceans.

Background Info:

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Example: Every year, people throw away billions of pounds of waste. Recycling helps reduce this problem.

Thesis:

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Example: Recycling is important because it protects the environment, conserves natural resources, and reduces pollution.

Main Idea #1:

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Example: Recycling helps reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and oceans.

Supporting Detail 1:

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Explanation: _____

Example: Landfills are filling up quickly.

Explanation: Recycling reduces the need for more landfills.

Supporting Detail 2:

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Explanation: _____

Example: Trash in oceans can harm animals.

Explanation: Plastic waste can harm sea life.

Supporting Detail 3:

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Explanation: _____

Example: Recycled materials can be reused.

Explanation: Gives items a second life.

Main Idea #2:

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Example: When we recycle, we use fewer raw materials from nature.

Supporting Detail 1:

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Explanation: _____

Example: Recycling paper saves trees.

Explanation: Helps protect forests.

Supporting Detail 2:

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Explanation: _____

Example: Recycling metals reduces mining.

Explanation: Saves energy and land.

Supporting Detail 3:

Blank: _____

Explanation: _____

Example: Plastic can be reused.

Explanation: Less oil needed.

Main Idea #3:

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Example: Recycling reduces pollution caused by waste.

Supporting Detail 1:

Blank: _____

Explanation: _____

Example: Burning trash releases gases.

Explanation: Recycling avoids this.

Supporting Detail 2:

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Explanation: _____

Example: Recycled factories pollute less.

Explanation: Use less energy.

Supporting Detail 3:

Blank: _____



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Explanation: _____

Example: Recycling keeps parks clean.

Explanation: Reduces litter.

Restate Thesis:

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Example: Recycling helps keep the Earth clean.

Summary:

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Example: It reduces waste, saves resources, and prevents pollution.

Final Thought:

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Example: If we all recycle more, we will protect the planet.