



Drafting: The Introduction

Now that you've finished your position/support web, you are ready to begin writing. Let's start with the introduction...



Prewriting: Planning


Now that you've completed the research on your topic, it is time to plan out your essay. I know what you're thinking...can't we get to the writing of this thing already? It is important to give extra time to planning a persuasive essay. That will make the writing of the essay a lot easier.

Would you build a house without a blueprint?



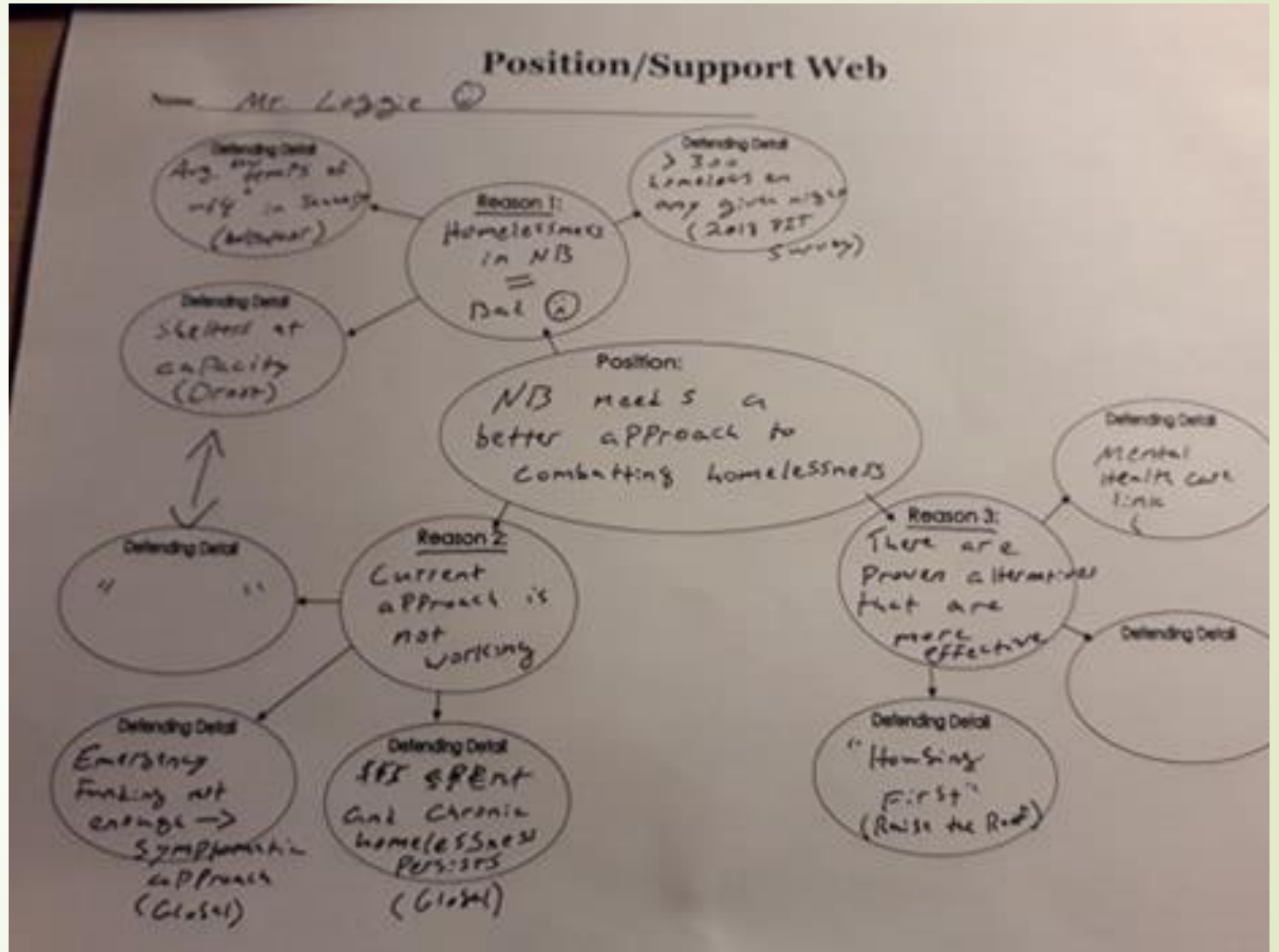
Position/Support Web

I recommend using a position/support web to organize your ideas. Let's take a look at how to use it...

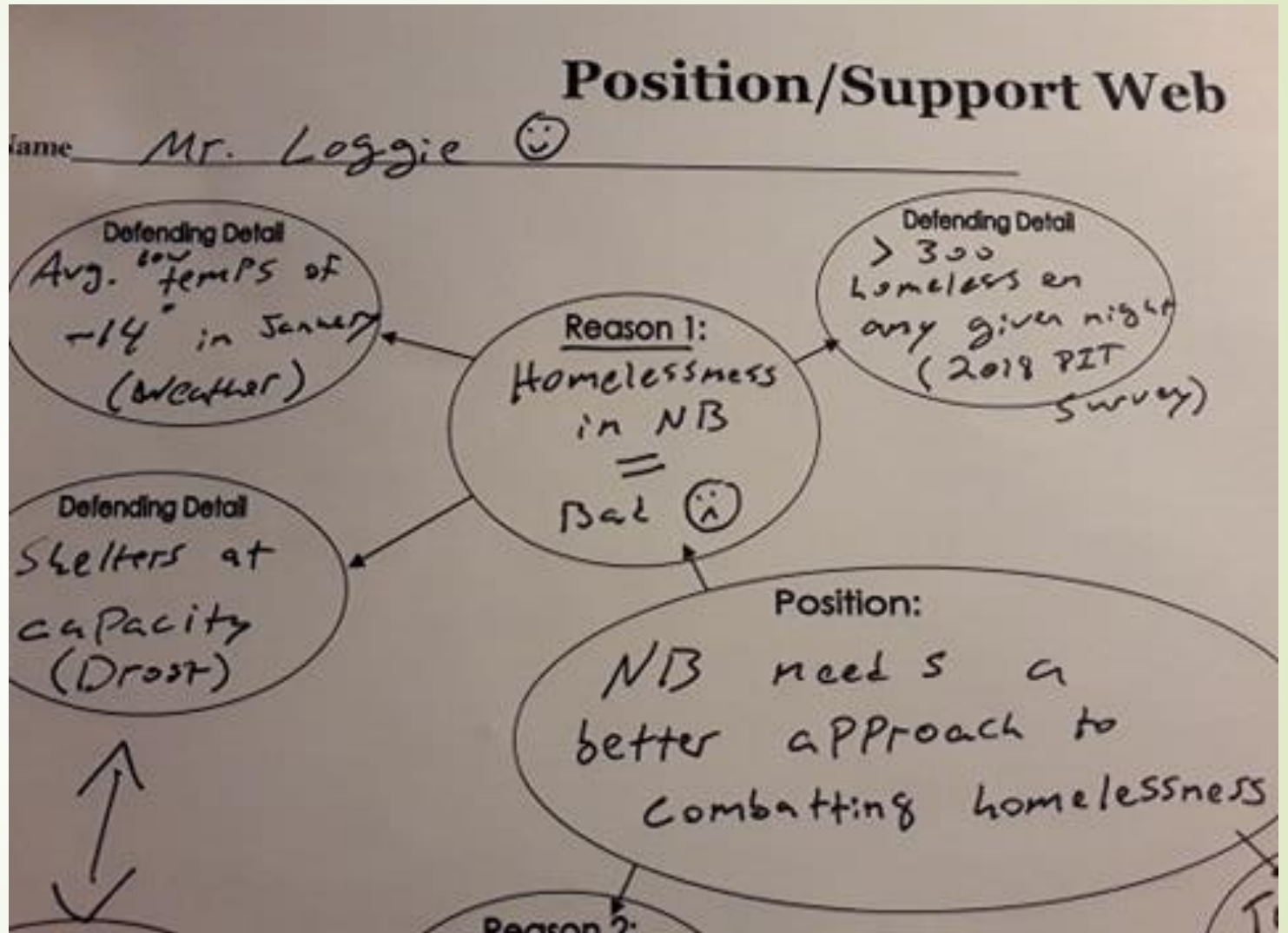


Take a look at the brainstorm that Mr. Loggie did last year for his essay on homelessness.

- Your position (opinion) goes in the middle
- Your three reasons to support go in the bubbles around the outside.
- Next, try to find supporting details for each reason. You should have at least two for each.



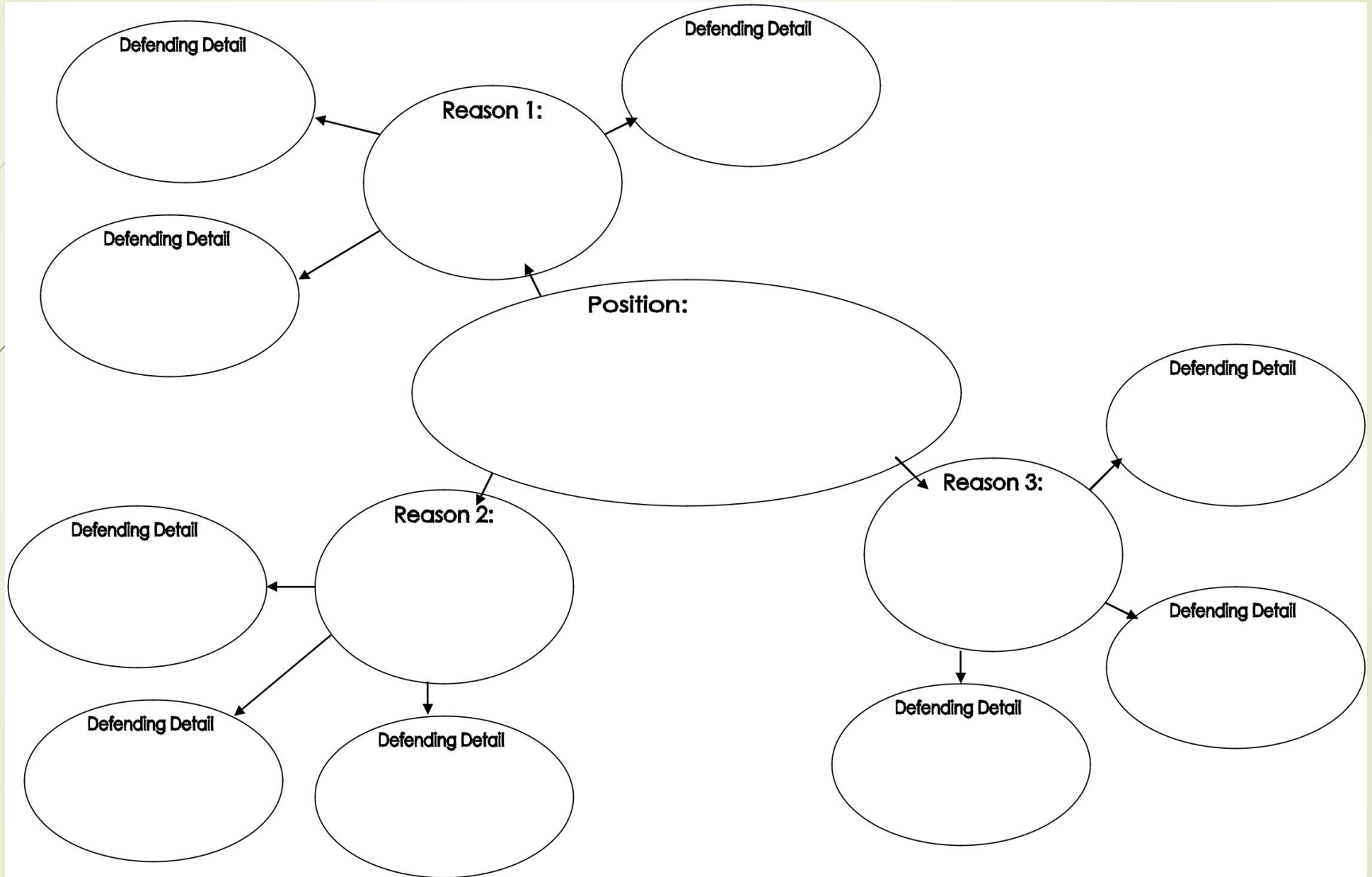
Check out these
defending details



Position/Support Web

NAME _____

Create a position/support web for your topic



What makes a good introduction?

- ❑ A hook to capture the reader's attention
- ❑ A thesis that states your argument





Mentor Text: Introduction

You hold a firm grip on your handle bars heading alongside the rushing traffic. A car honks its horn as it carelessly races past you. You gasp in fear almost falling off your bike. Your heart beats faster than the wings of a hummingbird. The glossy, vibrant, red car swerves dangerously close to you. Your muscles tense up and a surge of panic washes through you. Is this really worth the risk? Should I just drive my car to work instead? With bike lanes you wouldn't need to worry about the cars zooming by and all the reckless drivers. Bike lanes promote cycling and cycling has plenty of health benefits. They make the road a safer place and reduce the number of cars on the road.

Mentor Text: Introduction

Hook

For the hook, this student chose to use a descriptive story to draw the reader in.

Transition from hook to thesis

Thesis

Remember – the thesis is a sentence or two that states your opinion/argument. In this case, the student's thesis is that bike lanes should be put in cities because they are good for personal health and the environment.

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Mentor Text #2: Introduction

Hook

For the hook, this student chose to use a startling true story to grab the reader's attention.

Transition from hook to thesis

Thesis

The student's thesis is that eliminating the use of plastic bags will help the environment.

May 28th, 2018, a National Geographic article states that a small male pilot whale was discovered by veterinarians in a Thai Canal near the Malaysia border, struggling to swim. After additional observation, they find that it is unable to breathe because of approximately twenty pounds of plastic in its stomach including eighty plastic bags. The whale vomited up five plastic bags after veterinarians commenced an attempt to extract the plastic from its stomach. Unfortunately the whale perished five days after the attempt was started. Over one million marine creatures, birds and animals die each year from plastic waste. There are 5.25 trillion fragments of plastic debris in the ocean. Just by excluding the usage of plastic bags, we could avert the environment from being harmed further. We could all help save lives of many species and eliminate the avoidable costs.

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turn. Write
your
introduction
in a word
document or
on this slide:**

