



## Organizing Your Report

### Introduction: What's it all about????

What you're reading, writing, or talking about is your \_\_\_\_\_.

For this project, your \_\_\_\_\_ is your *family history*.

The **first and most important sentence** in any writing is your topic sentence. The **topic sentence** tells your \_\_\_\_\_ and what you will say about your \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose the best word to describe your topic, family history. DO NOT use meaningless words like "good," "nice," or "bad." In 1 word, how does hearing about your family history make you FEEL? \_\_\_\_\_



Now create your topic sentence:

The history of the \_\_\_\_\_ family is \_\_\_\_\_.

Copy your topic sentence into the graphic organizer, "I. Introduction," at the bottom of this page.

Next, choose one BIG, interesting idea that the adult you interviewed shared in the first set of questions, "Before Coming to the U.S." (or "Early Years?") Write a sentence about that idea here: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy the sentence as "Big Idea 1" in the "I. Introduction" organizer below.

What is the BIGgest, most surprising idea your adult talked about in the second set of questions, "Arriving in the U.S." (or "Starting Out?") Write a sentence telling it: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy it in the organizer as Big Idea 2.

What is the BIGgest, most amazing idea you heard during the last set of questions, "Life in the U.S." (or "Today and Tomorrow?") Write it here: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy it in the organizer as Big Idea 3.

#### I. Introduction

topic sentence: \_\_\_\_\_.

Big Idea 1: \_\_\_\_\_.

Big Idea 2: \_\_\_\_\_.

Big Idea 3: \_\_\_\_\_.