**Planning your Informative Essay**

# Your Name:

# Prompt Title:

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**Thesis/Controlling idea**

Example: “Coal is a highly abundant and cheap energy resource ”

**Step 1**: **In a sentence write your Controlling Idea/Thesis here.** (What are you going to explain or tell about?)

**Main Ideas (support for your thesis/controlling idea)**

**Step 2:** Main Ideas – State your main ideas. Example: cost of coal, where it is found, how it affects the environment.

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**Step 3**: List *supporting evidence* for each one of your main ideas Evidence may include facts, examples, statistics, quotes or stories. Be sure to cite your sources.

**#1 Main Idea**

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*Supporting evidence and source(s)*

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**#2 Main Idea**

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*Supporting evidence and source (s)*

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**#3 Main Idea**

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*Supporting evidence and source (s)*

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**Conclusion**

*Restate your thesis/controlling idea. Be sure to explain why it is so important. Suggest ways your reader can learn more.*