





# TEST TAKING STRATEGIES



# 8TH GRADE WRITING SOL SCHEDULE

Friday, March 9 GOLD DAY	Monday, March 12 BLUE DAY	Tuesday, March 13 GOLD DAY
 Alpacas Essay	 Falcons Essay	 Turtles Essay
 Falcons Multiple Choice	 Turtles Multiple Choice	 Alpacas Multiple Choice

## WHAT SHOULD I DO BEFORE MY TEST?

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast/lunch
- Come to school on time

# THE MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST

What are some strategies you know that help you with multiple choice questions?

## THE MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST:

- “Slash the Trash”
- Rephrase the question
- Read each answer choice carefully
- Skip and return
- Go back over each answer

# THE ESSAY TEST

What are some strategies you know that help you with essay questions?

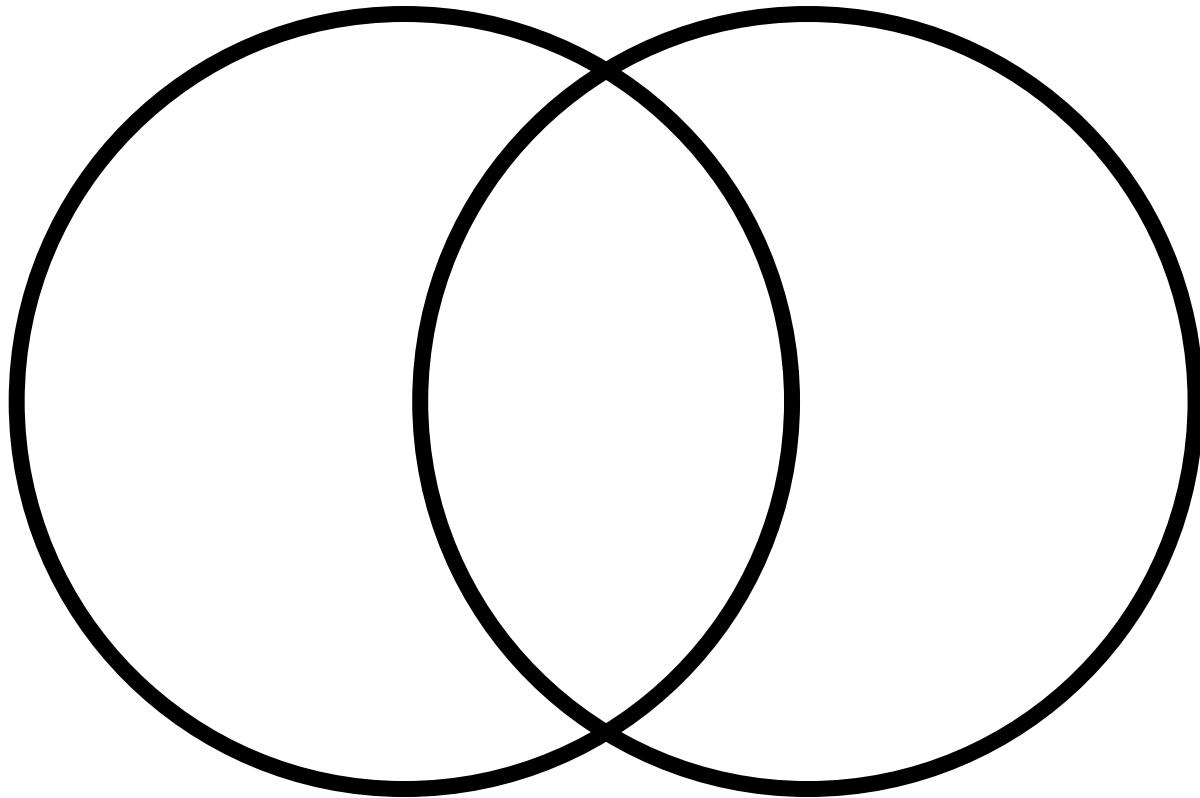
## THE ESSAY TEST:

- Read the prompt more than once
- Create a graphic organizer- PLAN! PLAN! PLAN!
- Reread and edit your writing

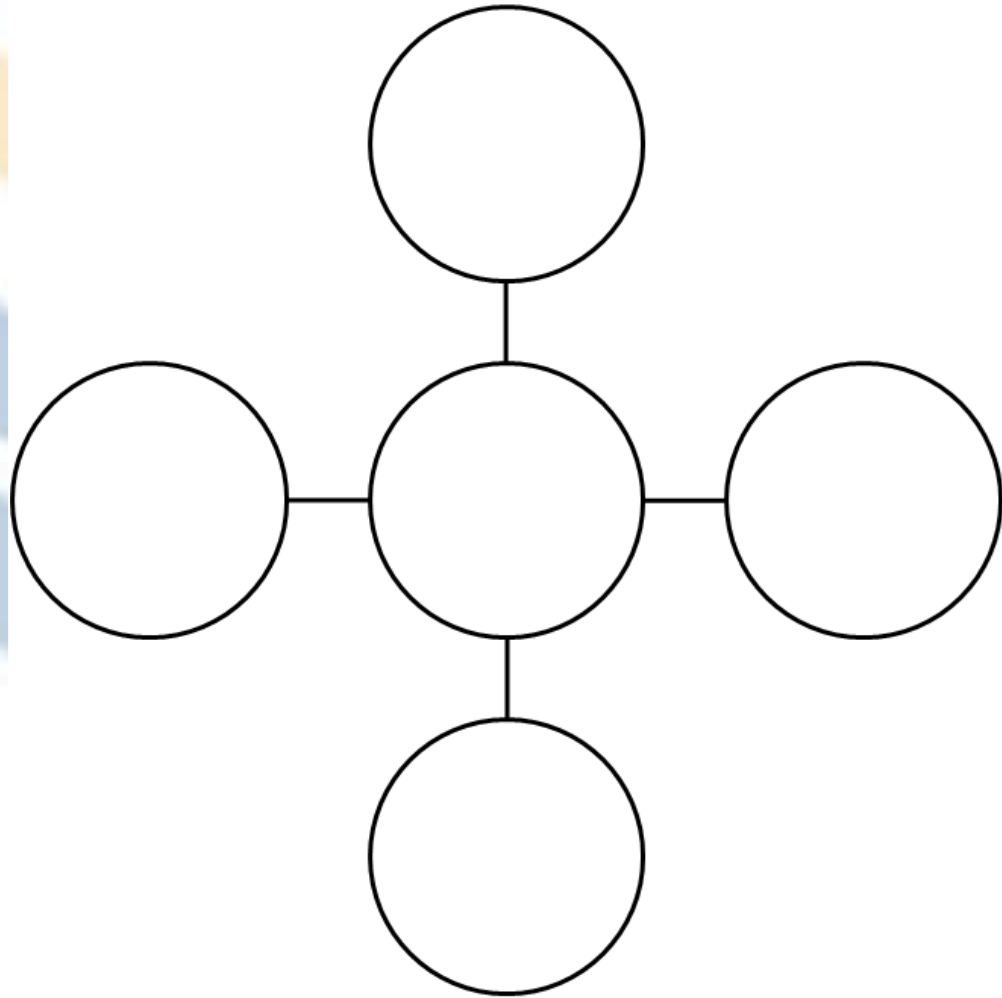
# GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS



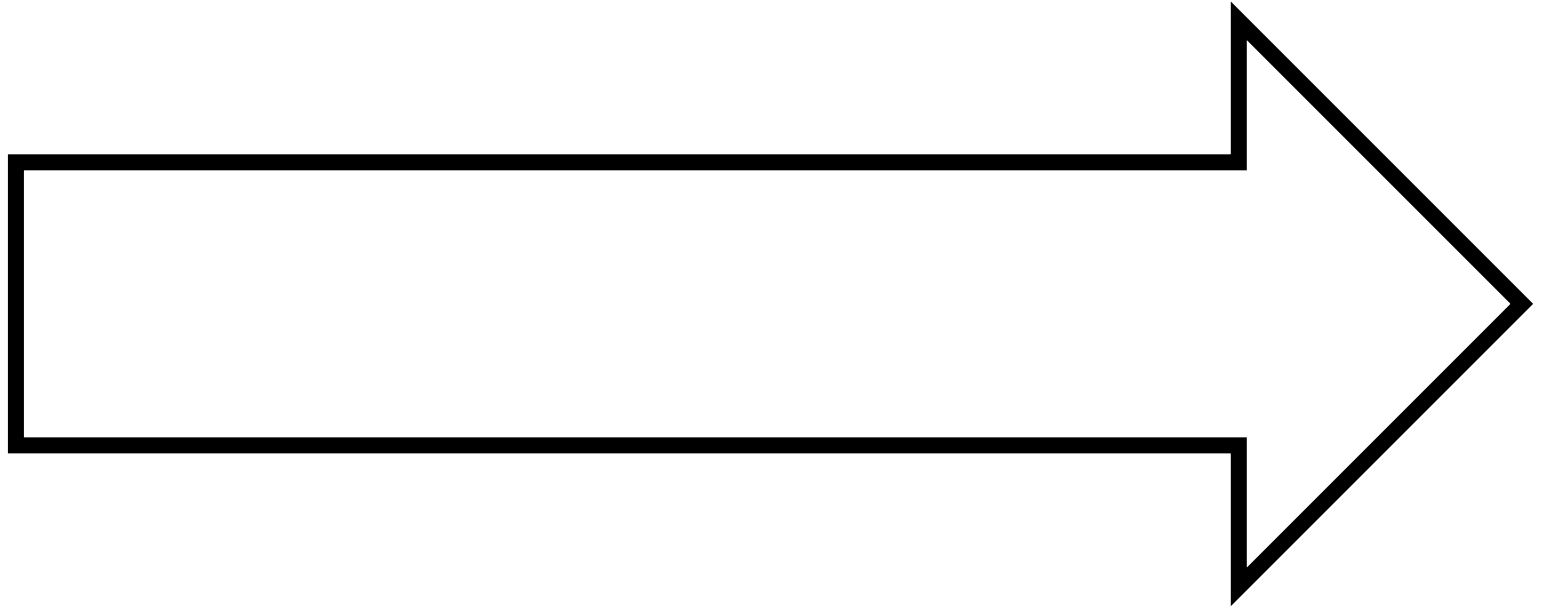
# COMPARE AND CONTRAST



# CONCEPT MAP



**sequence**



## PRACTICE

- You have been asked to share a lesson with elementary school students. Using specific details and examples, explain the lesson and why it would be important.
- Is it better to take risks and perhaps make some mistakes or remain cautious and risk nothing? Explain using specific details and examples in your response.
- What improvement would make your community better? Use specific details and examples to convince the mayor of your community to accept your idea for improving where you live.

## PRACTICE

- Identify a challenge facing students, and use specific details and examples to explain ways to overcome that challenge.
- Some people enjoy public speaking while others are frightened by it. Using specific details and examples, explain how you feel about public speaking.
- People sometimes say that failure can eventually lead to success. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Use specific examples to convince others to support your position.

## MY SOL WORRIES:

