

Original Oratory: Organizing and Outlining

Identify the organizational method used for of the following sets of main points

For items 1-8, use this word bank:

A. Cause/Effect **B.** Chronological **C.** Spatial **D.** Priority (Importance) **E.** Problem/Solution

1. _____

- I. The top layer of the earth is a rocky "skin" called the crust.
- II. Beneath the crust is a thick layer of rock called the mantle.
- III. The next lower section is a mass of melted rock called the outer core.
- IV. At the center of the earth is a solid mass called the inner core.

2. _____

- I. Genetic engineering is producing new plant hybrids that will vastly increase world agricultural production.
- II. Genetic engineering is producing breakthroughs in medicine that will allow people to live healthier lives.
- III. Genetic engineering is producing bacteria that will help clean up industrial pollutants.

3. _____

- I. Gambling addiction is an increasingly serious problem throughout America.
- II. The problem of gambling addiction can best be solved by a combination of education and rehabilitation.

4. _____

- I. Early people did not have money, but used a system of exchange based on the barter of goods and services.
- II. Coin money was invented in ancient Turkey, China and India before the birth of Christ.
- III. Paper money began in China about 600 A.D. but did not become popular in the West until the 1600s.
- IV. Today almost every country has an official currency tied to the international rate of exchange.

5. _____

- I. Sickle-cell anemia is a hereditary blood disease caused by abnormal blood cells.
- II. The effects of sickle-cell anemia include liver damage, blindness, paralysis, and early death.

What organization method(s) might you use to arrange the main points with the following specific purpose or statement?

- 6. _____ To inform my audience of the major stages in the development of American film industry.
- 7. _____ To inform my audience of the causes and effects of acid rain.
- 8. _____ To inform my audience about the major categories of dog breeds.

Below are two central ideas (thesis statements) for speeches. For each, provide a general purpose, specific purpose, and three main points (coordinate points) of the speech. Make sure your coordinate points are written as complete sentences.

- 9. General Purpose _____ To inform _____ To persuade
Specific Purpose: _____

Central Idea You should join a club/organization because of the social, academic, and economic benefits

- I.** _____
- II.** _____
- III.** _____

- 10. General Purpose _____ To inform _____ To persuade
Specific Purpose: _____

Central Idea The pyramids of ancient Egypt had three major uses—as tombs for the burial of monarchs, as temples for worshipping of the gods, and as observatories for studying the stars.

- I.** _____
- II.** _____
- III.** _____

