Create a thesis and main points below for presentations that use each of these four common informative organizational patterns. If one of these ends up being used in your next major presentation, that is good! Replace the red text below with your own content (and then change it to black). Each entry (after the first one below) should be exactly one complete sentence that is not a question. For this activity you don’t need the introduction, transitions, conclusion, supporting points, or citations… but you will need those things in the outlines for your prepared presentations.

**Topic Area:** A simple noun phrase, like “space travel.”

**Chronological Organizational Pattern**

**Thesis Statement:** One sentence that makes a claim. Not a question. Everything in the body of your presentation is evidence that supports this claim.

**MP1:** A single sentence that is evidence for your thesis statement. In your full outlines, you will have supporting points that are evidence for your main point, but you don’t need them for this activity.

**MP2:** You always need at least two main points.

**MP3:** (Additional main points are optional)

**Spatial Organizational Pattern**

**Thesis Statement:** Maybe the same as the thesis statement above. Maybe different.

**MP1:** A single sentence that is evidence for your thesis statement. In your full outlines, you will have supporting points that are evidence for your main point, but you don’t need them for this activity.

**MP2:** You always need at least two main points.

**MP3:** (Additional main points are optional)

**Pro/Con Organizational Pattern**

**Thesis Statement:** Maybe the same as one of the thesis statements above. Maybe different.

**MP1:** A single sentence that is evidence for your thesis statement. In your full outlines, you will have supporting points that are evidence for your main point, but you don’t need them for this activity.

**MP2:** You always need at least two main points.

**MP3:** (Additional main points are optional)

**Mnemonic Gimmick Organizational Pattern**

**Thesis Statement:** Maybe the same as one of the thesis statements above. Maybe different.

**MP1:** A single sentence that is evidence for your thesis statement. In your full outlines, you will have supporting points that are evidence for your main point, but you don’t need them for this activity.

**MP2:** You always need at least two main points.

**MP3:** (Additional main points are optional)