



# Growing an essay

You have the title: begin to gather information (lecture notes; BASIC books; recommended texts; surfing ...Internet (take care) and library shelves; discussion with friends, with lecturer?)

Rewrite title (what is it asking?)    Key words (meaning - use thesaurus)

## Topic/Focus/Instruction

Brainstorm points: post-its/ lists/ mind-maps?



Grow points -- HOW? Consider these prompts:

.....ask questions: who what where when how

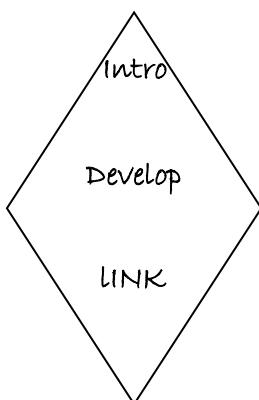
.....define, describe

..... cause - consequence - implications - sequel

.....similar / different / opposite?

.....examples? evidence from the literature?

.....PLUS - MINUS - INTERESTING



Weed points

SELECT

ORGANISE sequence - PLAN

THINK: main points - subpoints

1 main point = 1 paragraph (write to headings?)

Make links clear : will you need linking paragraphs?

LEAVE writing introduction 'til last?

Plan sheet

Main point  
.....subpoint  
.....subpoint  
.....subpoint

OR

Heading for  
.....paragraph

OR

Spider diagram

OR

Whatever suits!