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Suspend judgment. Brainstorm ideas for and against the topic. See first 3 cue cards.

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Take a side. Read your ideas and decide the side you will take. Place a "+" at the top of the side that shows your position.

Organize ideas. Choose ideas that are strong (and an argument to refute) and decide how to organize them for writing. See next 3 cue cards to help you do this.

Plan more as you write. Continue to plan as you write. Use all four essay parts (remember DARE: Develop your topic sentence, Add supporting ideas, Reject arguments for the other side, and End with a conclusion).