Get It

Get It Clear

Get It Together

Focus Act

Report

Focus

Choose a Big TOPIC.

Example:

Pioneer Life
The Constitution
The Civil War

Turn that big topic into a BIG Question such as:

- How did people live and work in this area during the pioneer days?
- How did the Constitution affect the way people lived in the United States?
- What were causes and effects of the Civil War?

Choose Important Sub-Topics such as transportation

comm	nunication _	_ transportation	
work	housing		

Ask a BIG question about each sub-topic, such as:

communication	transportation	work	housing
How and what	How and where	What kinds of work	• What
would people have communicated in	did people travel?	did people do inat this time?	
at this time?			at this time?

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What are the organizers?

They are tools to

- locate information
- provide information
- interpret information

- summarize information
- · organize information
- analyze information

OUTLINES/LISTS	CHARTS
• • •	
GRAPHS	TIME LINES
	1900 2000
DIAGRAMS	MAPS
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Get It

Collect and classify information as you read

My Question

Information to answer it:

Use a list or chart to see what you learn as you read.

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Get It Clear

Make charts, graphs, illustrations to explain what you learned.

What Questions We Answered	How we will Show the Answers to Make It Cear.	
How and what would people have communi-cated in Chicago at this time?	Chart of how what	
How and where did people travel?	Chart of how where	
What kinds of work did people do inat this time?	Chart of work done skills needed	
What kinds of homes did people have, and what did people use in a home in at this time?	Chart of homes household items	

Chicago in Pioneer TimeThis chart combines all four charts in one exhibit.

Commu	Communication		Transportation	
How people	What people	How people	Where people	
communicated	communicated	traveled	traveled	
W	<u> </u>	Housing		
What kinds of	What kinds of	What kinds of	What kinds of	
work people did.	skills they needed.	homes people had.	things they had inside their homes.	

Get It Together

ORGANIZE to Educate

Make a Book or Exhibit to Show/Share the Learning

Organize the exhibit components so that they communicate an idea, not just information.

For example, students can use graphic organizers to make the ideas clear.

How do you organize the exhibit?

It's a collection of the answers to questions you develop based on the information collected.

First, list the questions.

Expand/Exhibit to Learn More

Create an exhibit that builds insights with the information collected.

The following illustrations show ways to use information to create exhibits and ideas.

Example:

- How did people live and work in Chicago in pioneer days?
 Yes, you already answered that question, but now it becomes the basis for learning more.
- How do people meet the same needs in Chicago today?
- How is Chicago today different from and like Chicago in pioneer days?
- What changes have taken place in Chicago this century?
- What will people live and work in Chicago in the next century?

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ORGANIZE to

Report

How did people live and work in Chicago in pioneer days?

Chicago in Pioneer Time

Yes, you already saw this chart. This time, use illustrations to summarize what you reported in the first chart.

Commu	Communication		Transportation	
How people communicated	What people communicated	How people traveled	Where people traveled	
We	ork	Housing		
What kinds of work people did.	What kinds of skills they needed.	What kinds of homes people had.	What kinds of things they had inside their homes.	

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How do people meet the same needs in Chicago today?

Chicago in Pioneer Time and Today

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Pioneer Time	Today	Pioneer Time	Today	
	ork	Housing		
Pioneer Time	Today	Pioneer Time	Today	

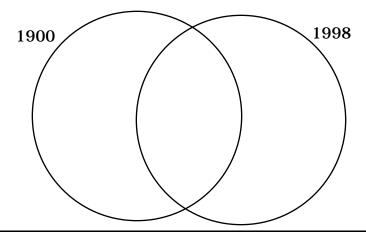
• How is Chicago today different from and like Chicago in pioneer days?

Read the chart to figure out answers. Use the Venn diagrams to show the answers.

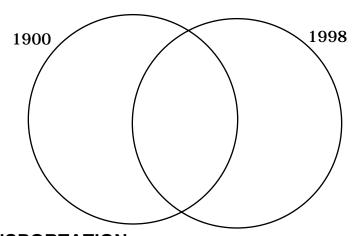
EXHIBIT CONNECTOR

Use Venn diagrams to answer that question.

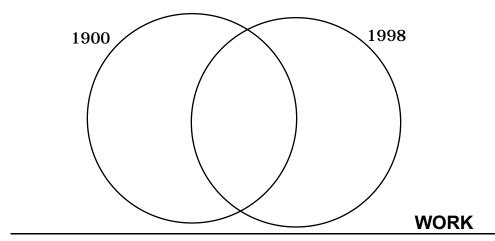
Complete these Venn diagrams. Then write a three-sentence summary of each diagram.



COMMUNICATION



TRANSPORTATION



ORGANIZE to Clarify

What changes have taken place in Chicago this century?

A Chicago Century of Changes

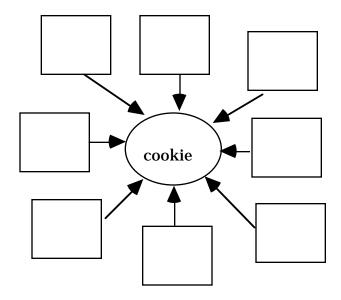
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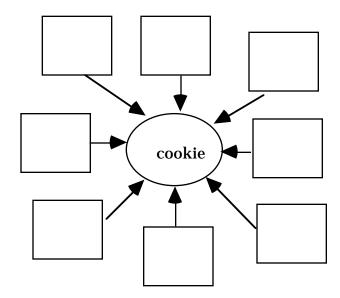
Here is another way to answer that same question.

Make a diagram of the factors of production (ingredients) for a product in Chicago at each time period.

Chicago Cookie: Pioneer Time



Chicago Cookie: Today



ORGANIZE to Inspire

What is Chicago's future? Here is our vision of the next century.

What will people live and work in Chicago in the next century?

Communication		Transportation	
How people will communicate	What people will communicate	How people will travel	Where people will travel
W	ork	Housing	
What kinds of work people will do.	What kinds of skills they will need.	What kinds of homes people will have.	What kinds of things they will have inside their homes.

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