

# Essay Organizer



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**F**ollow the steps in the diagram below to help you write your essay. In baseball, you have to follow bases as you run. Likewise, in writing an essay each step is important and should be followed to complete the essay.



## BEGIN WRITING YOUR ESSAY!

- ◆ Try writing a few “practice” sentences to get your mind ready to go.
- ◆ Use the outline you created on third base to keep you on the right track.
- ◆ Your essay should begin with a good topic sentence. Creating a strong topic sentence can help guide your essay writing.



## ESSAY CONTEST!

Write an essay about a **barrier** you have faced. In the essay, explain how you used one or more of Jackie Robinson's nine values to face your barrier. Use the organizer above to help you develop your ideas. Students in grades 4–9 can enter the **Breaking Barriers Essay Contest**.

For more information, ask your teacher or visit [scholastic.com/breakingbarriers/kids](http://scholastic.com/breakingbarriers/kids).