

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER : COPING STRATEGIES THREE-PARAGRAPH ESSAY

- You need a hook—a sentence to introduce your subject and get your reader’s attention.
- You need to move gradually toward your thesis.
- Your thesis should declare that there are three “most popular” coping strategies in your experience.
 - Your topic sentence/paragraph thesis should list the three most popular coping strategies you have observed (or used).
- **Your first concrete detail should name and define (according to Brozo) one of those strategies.**
- Your next sentence should be an example—your observation of this strategy being used.
- Your next sentence should be another example you have observed.
- Your commentary should explain what the students may be trying to achieve by using this strategy.
- **Your second concrete detail should name and define (according to Brozo) one of those strategies.**
- Your next sentence should be an example—your observation of this strategy being used.
- Your next sentence should be another example you have observed.
- Your commentary should explain what the students may be trying to achieve by using this strategy.
- **Your third concrete detail should name and define (according to Brozo) one of those strategies.**
- Your next sentence should be an example—your observation of this strategy being used.
- Your next sentence should be another example you have observed.
- Your commentary should explain what the students may be trying to achieve by using this strategy.
 - Your concluding paragraph should include references to the three coping strategies you chose, whether or not they are successful, and some alternatives for students who are using them.