Step One: Now that you’ve spent some time brainstorming and freewriting for essay #1, it’s time to start thinking about how to structure your essay. What are the main points/events you will describe in your essay? List them here (use the back for additional points):

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Step Two: Look at the points you listed in Step One. Is this the order you want to use them in your essay, or might another order be more effective? Now that you look at your list again, do you think you might have left something out? Add it in. Do you think you should delete anything? Cross it out.

Step Three: Thinking about your main point: On a separate sheet of paper (typed or handwritten), finish this statement: “What I really want to say is . . . “ and explore the main point you want to make in your essay.