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Write the main idea of the paragraph in the large box below. Write two supporting ideas in the boxes.

A graphic organizer consisting of four empty rectangular boxes with purple borders. One large box is positioned at the top center. Three lines extend downwards from the bottom center of this large box to the top center of three smaller boxes arranged horizontally below it.

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