“The Story of My Thinking” Essay Planner

**Directions:** In as few words as possible, brainstorm three possible topics for the story of my thinking essay.

*Example:*

What I used to think: A perfect family was one in which parents were married.

What happened: Divorce

What I think now: A perfect family is one that loves, cares, and respects each other, regardless of the marriage of parents.

**Possible topic #1:**

What I used to think:

What happened:

What I think now:

**Possible topic #2:**

What I used to think:

What happened:

What I think now:

**Possible topic #3:**

What I used to think:

What happened:

What I think now:

**Directions**: Pick one topic from the brainstorming activity above. Use the additional space provided below to provide more information such as the key ideas, thoughts, and details that you want to include in each paragraph of your essay.

What I used to think….

What happened…

What the author thinks now…