Newspaper Letter to the Editor

1. Using a graphic organizer, brainstorm how the Nashua River of the past compares to the polluted river of today.

2. Organize the data into logical sequence of supporting arguments. Remember you are comparing the river past and present.

3. Write a rough draft containing at least 5 paragraphs with a strong introduction that clearly states the opinion of the writer. Each paragraph should start with a clear topic sentence, focus on one main idea, and end with a transition to the next paragraph.

4. Revise and edit your letter.

5. Write a final copy.