

## A Three-Step Strategy for Tackling Essay Questions

Here is a strategy that will help answer the question, "But what should I say about the text?"

**Step 1:** Underline the key nouns or noun phrases in the statement of the essay question.

**Step 2:** Determine a priority order for those concepts.

**Step 3:** Place those concepts into the appropriate areas of the triangle diagram

### Practice Example: Poetry Instructions (from the 1995 AP Exam)

*Read the following poem carefully. Then, in a well-organized essay, analyze how the speaker uses the varied imagery of the poem to reveal his attitude toward the nature of love.*

