Getting started exercise

Choose a section of a paper or proposal you need to write soon, and compose a plan for it using one or two of the four approaches listed in the lesson. Try to choose a section for which the organization isn’t obvious, such as a background and significance section or a discussion. Use an approach you haven’t employed before or don’t use often—this will give you more to reflect on, and you may discover a useful technique.

1) Why did you choose the approach you did? How does it compare to your usual approach to planning your writing?
2) How helpful was the exercise in planning the section? How much more clearly do you know the order of your material? How could you modify what you did to make it more productive?
3) How did you alter the strategy from the description in the lesson? Why do you think this happened?
4) What new questions or concerns did the planning exercise bring up? How will you go about addressing them?

Turn in:
- Your plan (hand-written and scanned is fine)
- Your answers to the questions