**Re-Categorizing Research**

Pretend that the items below and on the following page are the notes you’ve taken—including paraphrases and quotations—while researching your paper. Currently the info is in the order you’ve found it. Your job today is to categorize the information according to topics and sub-topics.

On Thanksgiving weekend in 1999, John and Carole Hall were killed when a Naval midshipman crashed into their parked car (Stockwell B8).

The driver said, “When I looked up from the cell phone I was dialing, I was three feet from the car and had no time to stop” (qtd. in Stockwell B8)

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The midshipman was charged with vehicular manslaughter for deaths of John and Carole Hall (Layton C1).

The judge was unable to issue a guilty verdict. He found the defendant guilty of negligent driving and imposed a $500 fine (Layton C1)

Two years after the accident, the county where the accident happened passed a law forbidding cell phone use while driving (Layton C2)

State legislators are beginning to receive public pressure to pass anti-cell-phone laws. “It’s definitely an issue that is gaining steam around the country,” says Matt Sundeen of the National Conference of State Legislatures (qtd. in Layton C9).

The first town to restrict use of handheld phones was Brooklyn, Ohio (Layton C9).

Frances Bents, an expert on the relation between cell phones and accidents, estimates that between 450 and 1,000 crashes a year have some connection to cell phone use (Layton C9).

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In Georgia, a young woman distracted by her cell phone ran down and killed a two-year-old. Her sentence was ninety days in boot camp and five hundred hours of community service (Ippolito J1).

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A *New England Journal of Medicine* study concluded that a driver using a cell phone was four times as likely to get into a collision as a driver not using a cell phone (Redelmeier and Tibshirani 456).

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On November 7, 1999, two-year-old Morgan Pena was killed by a driver distracted by his cell phone (Besthoff).

On November 14, 1999 corrections officer Shannon Smith was killed by a woman distracted by her cell phone (Besthoff).

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John Violanti of the Rochester Institute of Technology found a nine fold increase in the risk of a fatality if a phone was being used and a doubled risk simply when a phone was present in a vehicle (522-523).

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In a survey done by Farmers Insurance Group, 87% of those polled said that cell phones affect a driver’s ability, and 40% reported having close calls with drivers distracted by phones.

Lon Anderson of the American Automobile Association asserts, “In many states, there is momentum building to pass laws” (qtd. in Farmer Insurance Group).

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Morgan’s mother, Patti Pena, reports that the driver “ran a stop sign at 45 mph, broadsided my vehicle and killed Morgan as she sat in her car seat.

The driver who killed Morgan Lee Pena received two tickets and a $50 fine and retained his driving privileges (Pena).

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In Suffolk County, New York, it is illegal for drivers to use a handheld phone for anything but an emergency call (Haughney A8).

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As of December 2000, twenty counties were restricting use of cell phones in moving vehicles (Sundeen 8).

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Currently, no state has a law forbidding people from using cell phones while driving (Smith 7).