How to do an Internet Impact Brief

**Step 1: Summarize the Issue**

**Overview:** Describe the Internet and basic concepts in plain English. Explain the relevant background including the social, political, and technical context.

**Goal:** Make your summary clear and easy to understand. Include the basic facts and context to help readers grasp the issue.

- **Summarize the Issue:**
  - Clearly state the issue.
  - Provide a brief overview of the Internet and its impact.
  - Include relevant social, political, and technical context.

**Step 2: Evaluate and Analyze the Proposed Change**

**Overview:** Analyze the potential effects of the proposed change on the Internet. Identify the critical properties and enablers affected.

**Goal:** Understand the impact of the proposed change on the Internet.

- **Evaluate and Analyze the Proposed Change:**
  - Focus on the most significant effects.
  - Explain why and how the changes lead to the identified effects.
  - Connect the effect with the critical properties and enablers.

**Step 3: Write the Beginning and the End**

**Overview:** Develop the abstract and analysis sections.

**Goal:** Prepare a clear, concise introduction and analysis.

- **Write the Beginning and the End:**
  - Abstract: Briefly introduce the issue and provide a preview.
  - Analysis: Present your analysis, linking the issue to the Internet's critical properties and enablers.

**Step 4: The Summary and Conclusion**

**Overview:** Summarize the strongest effects and include recommendations.

**Goal:** Provide a clear summary and recommendations.

- **The Summary and Conclusion:**
  - Summary: Summarize the strongest effects.
  - Conclusion: Provide recommendations to avoid harming the Internet.

**Additional Resources:**

- **CRITICAL PROPERTIES**
  - Key terms: Internet, critical properties, enablers.
  - Explanation: Define each term and their significance.

**Tools:**

- **Diagram:** Visualize the process and key concepts.
- **Additional Resources:**
  - Online resources: Websites, reports, and studies.

**Assessment:**

- **Self-assessment:** Check for clarity, coherence, and relevance.
- **Peer review:** Get feedback from colleagues or experts.

**Remember:**

- **Warnings:** Avoid oversimplifying or overcomplicating.
- **Ethics:** Be aware of potential biases and impacts.

**Next Steps:**

- **Follow-up:** Continue monitoring and updating your analysis.
- **Engage:** Discuss your findings with stakeholders and policymakers.