

Ways to Pre-Write

Pre-writing is one of the most important steps in writing an essay. Pre-writing is your chance to brainstorm and get all your ideas down on paper. If you don't spend time pre-writing, your essay will probably not be very strong or very well organized.

There are many different ways to pre-write or brainstorm; below are four common ways. You can choose which way you want to pre-write, just make sure you choose a method that makes sense for the prompt you are answering.

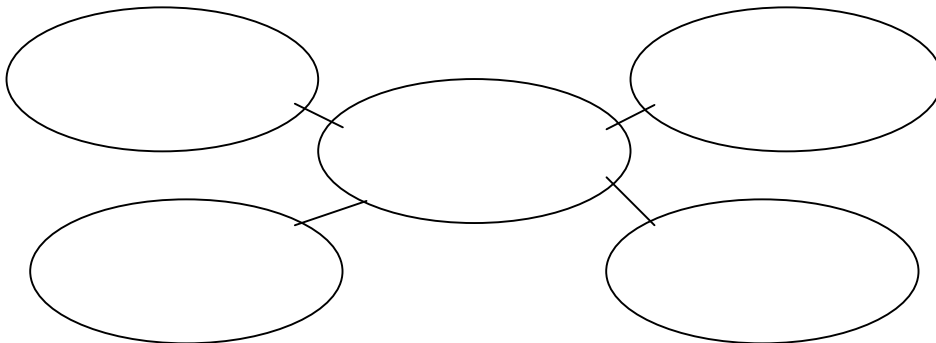
1. The List: Make a list of all of your ideas related to the question you wrote in Step 7 of prompt decoding.

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2. The T-Chart: Use the T-chart when you are comparing two things or two opinions.

FOR	AGAINST
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

3. The Web: Put your main idea in the center of the web and supporting ideas around the outside.



4. The Venn Diagram: Use the Venn Diagram when you want to compare both similarities and differences between two things.

Write your essay in the spaces below; use your prompt decoding pages, your pre-writing/ brainstorming, and your copy of The Pearl.

Thesis:

Topic Sentence #1:

Evidence:

Explanation:

Evidence:

Explanation:

Topic Sentence #2:

Evidence:

Explanation:

Evidence:

Explanation:

Topic Sentence #3:

Evidence:

Explanation:

Evidence:

Explanation: