

Student Guide for Prewriting Activity- Brainstorming

Introduction

There are many different prewriting techniques to help writers “get their creative juices” flowing. One such technique can be found on The Owl at Purdue writing lab website under Owl Materials: Invention Presentation where it discusses ideas for prewriting.
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/695/01>.

Other websites about brainstorming:

<http://www.uoflife.com/wc/process/process1.htm>

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/brainstorming.html>

Objective: After you have completed this activity you will have generated ideas in the form of brainstorming that could be used for ideas when writing a rough draft of a piece of writing.

TEKS: 7, 13A, 24A

CRS: 1 A2

Supplies Needed:

- Paper and a pencil or pen, or a computer

Step by Step:

1. Write your topic near the center of the paper and then write all the words, phrases, examples that you can think of about this topic-spelling or punctuation are not as important as generating a lot of ideas is.
2. Give yourself a time limit to write as many ideas as you can down-maybe 3-5 minutes.
3. Look at you brainstorming and all of the ideas you wrote down, see you really do have great ideas, sometimes you just need the opportunity to write them out on paper in a messy fashion.
4. Your brainstorming could be used to help write a rough draft of a piece of writing.

Works Cited

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