

Student Guide for Prewriting Activity Mapping/Webbing

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>.

Objective: After you have completed this activity, you will have generated keywords and phrases associated with a specific topic and create a mapping or webbing graphic organizer.

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Supplies Needed:

- You will need paper and pencil/pen-you might want to use different colored ink or pencils for a more colorful web

Step by Step:

1. Write a topic in the center of the board and circle it. Then draw branches out from the topic and begin to write as many keywords or phrases that can be generated continuing to circle the words and draw branches connecting main ideas.
2. The ideas should move from general in the middle to more specific as the web branches out.
3. After the ideas seem to have stopped, then group ideas together by drawing circles around the groups of branches. These groups could become paragraphs and any small circles of the groups could become topic sentence ideas.

Work Cited

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