

Teacher Lesson Plan

Prewriting Activity

Mapping/Webbing

Introduction

A prewriting technique that can be used for all types of subjects is mapping or webbing. On The Owl at Purdue writing lab website under Owl Materials: Invention Presentation there is a brief introduction to this where it discusses ideas for prewriting. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/695/01>.

Objective: Students will generate keywords and phrases associated with a specific topic and create a mapping or webbing graphic organizer

TEKS: 7, 13A, 24A

CRS: I A2

Supplies Needed:

- If you plan to do this in small groups, you will need chart paper for each group and markers for each group member
- If you plan to do this as an individual activity, students will need paper and pencil/pen

Step by Step:

1. Model mapping/webbing to the class on a board. Write the 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 by the class 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 explaining how these groups could become paragraphs and any small circles of the groups could become topic sentence ideas.
4. If desired, group students and have them make a group web, or have them try this out on their own as an individual prewriting activity.

Work Cited

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