

The Brainstorming Process

Involving creativity, writing, and self-expression!

- Focus on a single topic.
 - It might be already decided for you or could be your choice.
 - If it is up to you, we recommend choosing something you are passionate about, something you are interested in (maybe focus in on why the topic is intriguing)!
- Begin doing some research (if prohibited) to learn more about your topic.
- Jot down ideas/sentences that catch your eye or make you reread it.
- Create a graphic organizer (if that is what you like) or a starting basis for your flow of ideas.
- Write down anything – thoughts, facts, statistics, questions – because you might need it in the future!
- Begin drafting.
 - The first draft might be scary or intimidating but getting something written on the page is important.

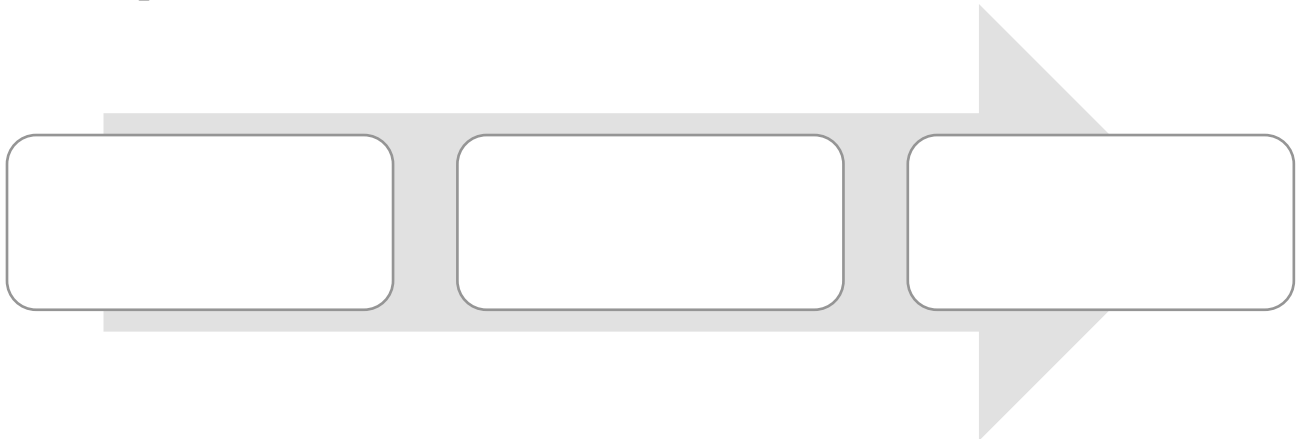
- Keep in mind, it can be anything. You will be constantly revising and reediting this paper, so do not be worried about the quality of the first draft. It will be changed!
- Make sure to have fun! If you are interested in your topic, it will make the piece that much more enjoyable for readers!

Brainstorming Outline

Topic: _____

What do you already know about this topic?

3 Subtopics:



Research:




Subtopic 1:



Subtopic 2:



Subtopic 3:



Interesting Quotes and Analysis (keep quotes brief!)

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Analysis:

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