



## The Writing Process

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**Definition:** The writing process is the process by which someone writes an essay, story, or other text. Some guiding processes include listing, brainstorming, outlining, drafting, and revising.

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**Listing:**

Begin by choosing a topic. Set a timer for two minutes and write out as many topic ideas as you can think of, good or bad. Then, when the timer goes off, circle the top three you like the most. From here, narrow it down to one topic for your essay.



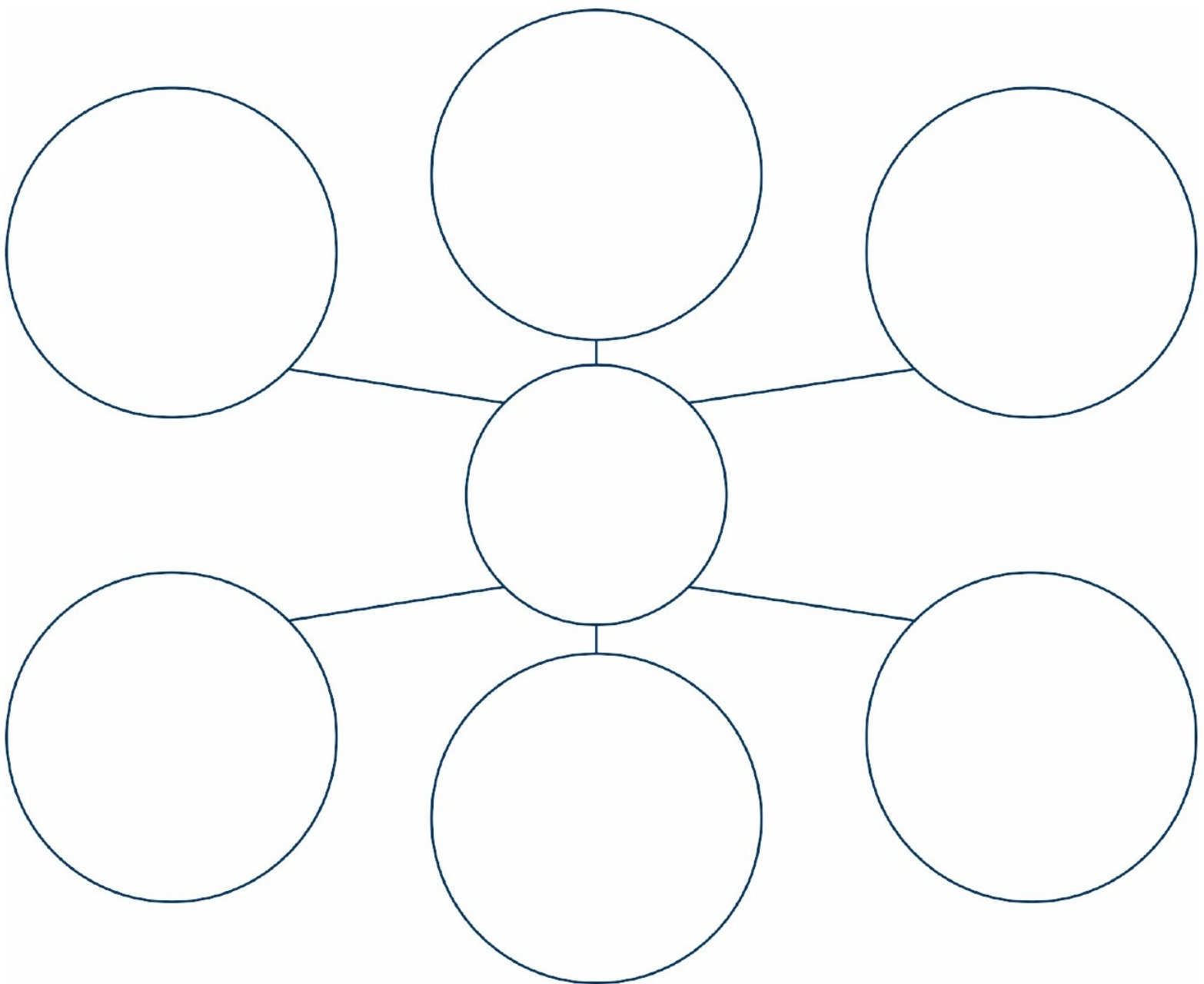
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## Brainstorming:

Using a bubble map is one form of brainstorming to help group main ideas of an essay. Use the bubble map below to begin planning out your essay -





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## Outlining:

Using your ideas from the bubble maps, develop an organized outline for your essay. Remember, the main point of your whole essay is the thesis statement, and your subpoints are the topic sentences for each paragraph.

## Introduction:

Hook - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Bridge -  
• \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thesis - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Body Section 1:

Topic Sentence - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Bridge - Present the current research on the topic  
• \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_  
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• \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Transition - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



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## Body Section 2:

Topic Sentence - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Bridge -

- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Transition - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Body Section 3:

Topic Sentence - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Bridge -

- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Transition - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



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## Conclusion:

Reword Your Thesis - \_\_\_\_\_

Bridge - Summarize your main points

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Final Thought - \_\_\_\_\_

## Drafting/Revision:

Follow your outline to create a first draft of the essay. Once you have it written out, read it aloud carefully. Listen for mistakes.

Another great way to revise is to print the essay out and read it carefully, making corrections on the paper with a pen.

It also helps to get a second opinion on your writing. We recommend having a classmate, professor, or tutor look over your essay for you to get advice on what needs revision.