

How to Brainstorm or Cluster an Idea



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Writing can be challenging but by using a simple process taught in most writing books you can develop a plot, character or just make a plan. It's called Clustering.

Instructions

1. Select any topic or idea you feel compelled or are required to write about. It can be anything: tree, tire, car, son, bath, [beach](#) (#), palm trees or an essay. Just write down the first thing that comes to your mind if you don't have a topic.
2. Write your word in the center of the paper and draw a circle or what ever shape you like around it.
3. Take about five minutes and just jot words all around your word, anything. Remember, do not edit.
4. After your five minutes is up, make connections to each of your words. You can circle them, draw lines or even highlight in color. Still, no editing.
5.  http://i.ehow.com/images/GlobalPhoto/Articles/2076268/img002_Full.jpg After you have made your connections in five minutes and think about what's on your mind and no erasing.
6. Now, just start writing about your words on the paper. Do not analyze your work now, just write. Stop when you are out of ideas.
7. Set aside your work for a day or so if you can. If you must work quickly, go ahead.
8. Develop your idea or paper.

Things You'll Need

- Paper
- Pen, pencil or marker
- An idea

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Tips & Warnings

- Writing can be very rewarding. Even if it's just for fun.
- Great ideas develop from reading. Pick up a book and let the ideas flow.
- Remember, NO ERASERS.
- This is a great method to use in developing any research paper or your future EHow article.
- Erasing or editing during this type of exercise may inhibit your ideas.

