Pre-Writing

Step 1: Brainstorming for Ideas

Fill in each oval with one idea or point related to the topic. (You may need more paper.)

Step 2: Prioritizing and Organizing Ideas

Pick the three most important and relevant ideas from Step 1 and put them in the order in which you want to talk about them in the paper (see lines numbered 1-3). In the boxes next to each of the three main points, you may write subpoints related to those main points if you wish.

1. ________________________________

2. ________________________________

3. ________________________________

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Doing Research
Make sure that you take notes while researching. The following template can be a helpful guideline to follow.

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In the space below, write a couple phrases that summarize the idea. Put quotations around the phrase if it is a direct quote.

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