

Brainstorming

Brainstorming is not only part of the writing process, it is itself a process that often involves discrete steps. What are the steps in your brainstorming process?

Some common techniques for brainstorming include:

- “Back of the Napkin” Approach/Note Taking
- Free Writing
- Letter Writing
- Clustering (write one idea in the center of a page and connect it to other words or ideas)
- Mapping (create a visual representation of what you are thinking)
- Drawing/Cartooning
- Talking (have a conversation with someone about your writing project or assignment)
- Dramatic Monologue/Dialogue (write out a conversation that explores your topic)
- Create a pre-draft outline

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