Group Discussion

* In small groups, talk about the topic.
* Share your opinions.
* Challenge each other’s position.
* Ask questions!

Clustering: This is the classic bubble map where you place the topic in the middle and concepts all around it. In this case, think about what directions you could go in response to the prompt you have chosen.

* Finding relationships between concepts
* Visual representation of primary topic
* Also known as a “Web Cluster” or “Brainstorming Web”
* Draw lines connecting concepts that are related to each other.

Listing: Making a list in response to the prompt. Mention what you know about the articles you are using, how you might address them (analyze), what stories, experiences, observations you will use to support your personal view of the value of life.

* Enables realization of knowledge and discovery of knowledge required
* You see what you already know and what you need to learn
* Now take a look at your list and number from MOST interesting and/or important to LEAST interesting and/or important.
* You can even combine similar ideas or cross out ideas that you don’t think are that important.

Freewriting: For the free write, immediately respond to the prompt including the use of the other article(s). Don’t worry about how it sounds or what it looks like, just keep writing.

1. Write down your topic
2. Establish a set time (generally 5-10mins)
3. Write without looking back
4. Do NOT edit
5. Do NOT stop writing until the time is finished
6. Review what you have written
7. Highlight the points you like