Brainstorming Ideas

Making a Brainstorming Map/Web:

Have an upcoming paper that's due and you don't know where to start?

Brainstorming is a great way to gather your thoughts and ideas and organizing them into a meaningful structure.

A Brainstorming Map/Web shows the interrelationship hierarchy among topics.

How To Steps:

1. Depending on your preference, you can create your brainstorming map on either a piece of paper or a computer program (such as Word, Publisher, or an online site).

2. Draw a circle in the middle of your page and write your main topic in the middle.

3. Think of sub-topics that branch off from your main idea. Draw circles around your main topic, and write one sub-topic into each of these circles.

4. Can you develop your ideas any further? What are some thoughts that come to mind when thinking of your sub-topics? Incorporate these ideas around their corresponding sub-topics.

5. Can you strengthen your web any further? What else can you add?

6. When finished, analyze your map and decide which topics you would like to research more and which are most important to your piece of writing.

7. Begin writing!

Template/Example: