

Lesson 12: Quiz 2 – The ABC's of Prewriting

Directions: Answer the questions below about the prewriting process.

The ABC's of Prewriting

Part A. Select your topic and decide on the reason for writing your essay

- How to get started: How can you choose a topic to write about?
 - **Write** down several **ideas** you would like to write about.
 - Think about **why** you want to write about these topics.
 - Think about **who** will read your work and **what** you want to tell them.
 - You can be assigned a topic by a teacher.

Part B. Research: Get information and develop your topic

- There are several ways to get information. You can use all of them or choose the ones that work best for you.
 - Make a **list** using "who," "what," "where," "when," "why" and "how" questions.
 - **Brain storm.**
 - **Interview** your friends and family.
 - **Research** by using the library and/or Internet.

Part C. Organize your ideas and information

- Decide your main idea: Review the information you gathered and ask yourself, "What is it mostly about?" *This question will help you discover the main idea of your essay.*
- **Grouping**
 - Make lists of similar information.
 - Make a **cluster drawing**.
 - **Review the information** in each list/cluster drawing and ask yourself, "What is this list/cluster drawing mostly about?" *This will help you find the main idea of that group.*
 - Use the main idea of each list/cluster drawing to help you title/name that group.

1. In your opinion, which part of the prewriting process did you find the easiest? Part A, Part B or Part C. Please explain why.

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2. In your opinion, which part of the prewriting process did you find the most difficult? Please explain why.

3. Which part of the prewriting process did you find the most enjoyable? Please explain why.

4. For which part of the prewriting process do you think you need more review and practice exercises? Please explain why.