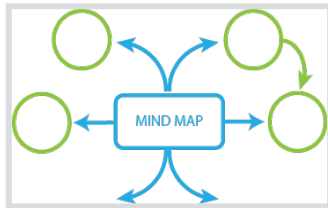# Prewriting Strategies Worksheet

Prewriting is the process of planning and outlining information so that you can write effectively regarding your topic. This worksheet includes prewriting strategies such as clustering/mind mapping, brainstorming, freewriting, and questioning.

Select the prewriting strategy of your choice and complete only that section of the worksheet. Once you complete the section, based on the strategy you selected, submit your worksheet. First, save a copy and then use the upload link provided within the Assessing your Learning section of Lesson 1: Prewriting Strategies.
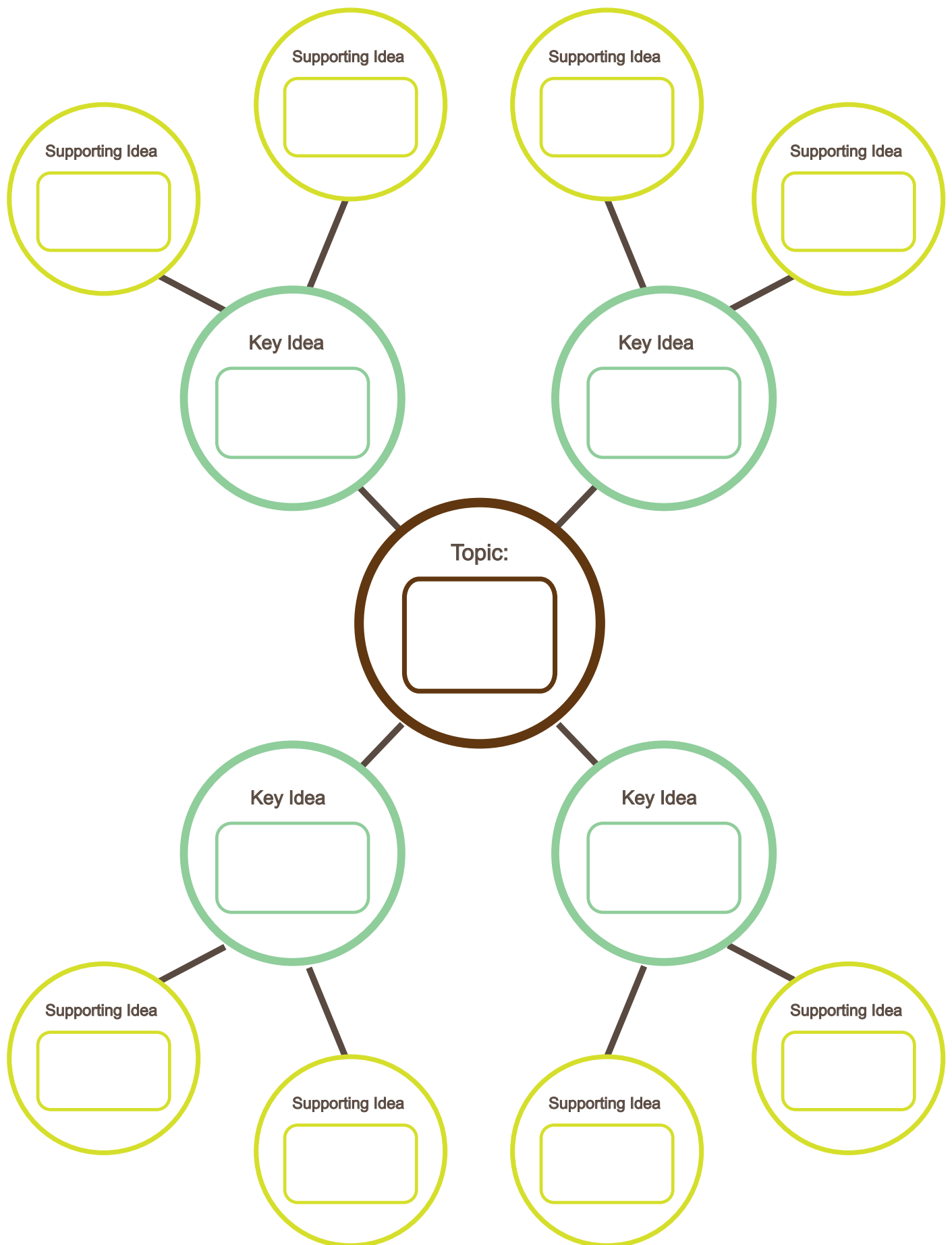
Clustering/Mind Map

Instructions: Select one of the prompts below. Use the clustering strategy to get started. Remember, clustering is often referred to as mind mapping. This process allows you to explore how ideas fit together. Write the topic in the center circle and finish completing the outer circles with ideas that relate to the subject.

Prompt 1: What type or types of technology would you like to see in the college classroom? How would you like to see this technology used?

Prompt 2: If you could create a mobile application for an iPhone or iPad, what would it be?

Prompt 3: What is your favorite technological device? (Example: computer, phone, iPod etc.)

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Brainstorm

Instructions: Use the prompt below to begin brainstorming. Remember, begin with a topic and write down as many ideas as possible.

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Freewriting

Instructions: Use the prompt below and write down whatever comes to your mind. In freewriting you do not need to worry about spelling, grammar, or punctuation. The purpose is to write out as many ideas as you can about the topic. Set a time limit, five or ten minutes, and freewrite your thoughts and ideas.

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Questioning

Instructions: Use the questioning prewriting strategy by answering the questions below about the following prompt.

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