

#### **BRAINSTORMING OUR SUBJECT**

Even when we have a general idea of our subject, we often face a multitude of possibilities for expressing it. Brainstorming helps us generate various ways to articulate and organize our thoughts, guiding us from a pool of ideas to the specific one we ultimately choose to explore. But how can we effectively brainstorm?

#### **Freewriting**

One technique is freewriting. The goal is to write continuously about our subject without concern for grammar or structure, allowing our thoughts to flow freely.

# A. Freewriting Prompts (Write Away Anyway)

- 1. Write everything that comes to mind **about a place** that holds significant memories for you.
- 2. Imagine a conversation with any object in your room. Create the dialogue.
- 3. Write about a problem you're currently facing. Set all the possible solutions, no matter how silly they seem.
- 4. Describe a sound you heard recently that made you feel a strong emotion, focusing on the details of the sound and your reaction
- 5. If you could instantly learn **any new skill**, what would it be? What you would do with that skill and how it would change your life.
- 6. Write about a recent dream, recalling the details.
- 7. Choose a color and write **about everything you associate with that color** feelings, objects, memories, etc.
- 8. Imagine you woke up tomorrow with a superpower. What would it be, and what would be the first thing you would do?
- 9. What question are you **always curious** about? Explore all your own thoughts on the subject.
- 10. Write a letter to your future self.
- 11. What **brings you joy**? Write about the reasons why this is so.
- 12. Describe **the view from your window**, focusing on sensory details.

#### Mind Mapping

Draw a central concept within a thought bubble. From this central bubble, branch out to related subtopics. The resulting map visually reveals key points and connections within our subject.

# B. Mind Mapping Concepts (Abstract to Concrete)

- 1. What Makes Me Happy
- 2. Me and Technology
- 3. My Most Unforgettable Travel Journey
- 4. What I see Around Me (Environment)
- 5. The Concept of Community. (Neighbourhoods)
- 6. My Love for Storytelling.
- 7. About learning a New Skill
- 8. About my Body
- 9. Am I Creative
- 10. My Place in History

### Research

Writers pay close attention to their sources. It's both necessary and inevitable to expose ourselves to diverse premises, perspectives, and arguments.

### C. Curioser and Curioser

- Explore the history and cultural significance of a specific food.
- Identify at least three different viewpoints on a current social issue.
- 3. Investigate the life and works of a particular artist or musician.
- 4. Research the science behind a natural phenomenon (e.g., the aurora borealis, earthquakes).
- Discuss the origins and evolution of a specific technology.
- Dive into legal documents, historical analyses, and news reports for the history and impact of a specific law or piece of legislation.

- 7. Investigate the different **theories surrounding a historical mystery** or unsolved event.
- 8. Research the cultural traditions and beliefs of a specific indigenous group.
- Explore the benefits and drawbacks of a particular alternative energy source.
- 10. Look for academic studies, articles by psychologists on the **psychological effects of social media**.
- 11. Investigate the architectural styles prevalent in a specific historical period or geographical region.
- 12. Research the different approaches to learning a second language.

### **Critiques and Opinions**

Seeking other opinions encourages commitment to a specific stance after carefully considering all available ideas. This also helps in identifying gaps in our own knowledge or understanding as we search other perspectives on the same subject.

# D. What Others Are Talking About (More than *Marites*)

- 1. Ethical implications of artificial intelligence
- 2. Impact of social media on mental health
- 3. Importance of preserving cultural heritage
- 4. Benefits and drawbacks of living in a city versus a rural area
- 5. Travel experiences (Impressions of Places)
- 6. Challenges and opportunities of remote work
- 7. Different political viewpoint about a current policy.
- 8. Importance of art and creativity in society with an artist
- 9. Future of education
- 10. Pros and cons of globalization

**BEGIN BRAINSTORMING HERE:** 

**USE THE SPACE TO DRAW YOUR PROJECT MAP:**