

# CHECKLIST FOR PREWRITING STRATEGIES

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Brainstorm and organize for expository writing.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ Brainstorm and cluster for character development.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ Brainstorm and prioritize for persuasive writing.

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4. \_\_\_\_\_ Brainstorm and inquire for the development of vivid and precise details for any given subject.

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# **STUDENT PRACTICE PREWRITING PROMPTS**

1. Brainstorm and use a strategy to prewrite a description of your morning routine before school. (expository)
2. Brainstorm and use a strategy to develop a character for a short story you will be writing.
3. Brainstorm and use a strategy to prewrite a persuasive paper on why you deserve an "A" in this class.
4. Brainstorm and use a strategy to prewrite a paper about your favorite musician or musical group.

# TEACHER MODEL #1

## 1. ORGANIZATION STRATEGY

- Expository Writing
  - Example: Skyscraper

### Brainstorm:

- 77 stories tall
- 2000 windows
- 2 giant glass front doors
- flags from different countries flying from the roof
- doorman in a uniform greeting everyone
- 2 window washers outside on the 37<sup>th</sup> floor

### Organize:

- doorman in a uniform greeting everyone
- 2 giant glass front doors
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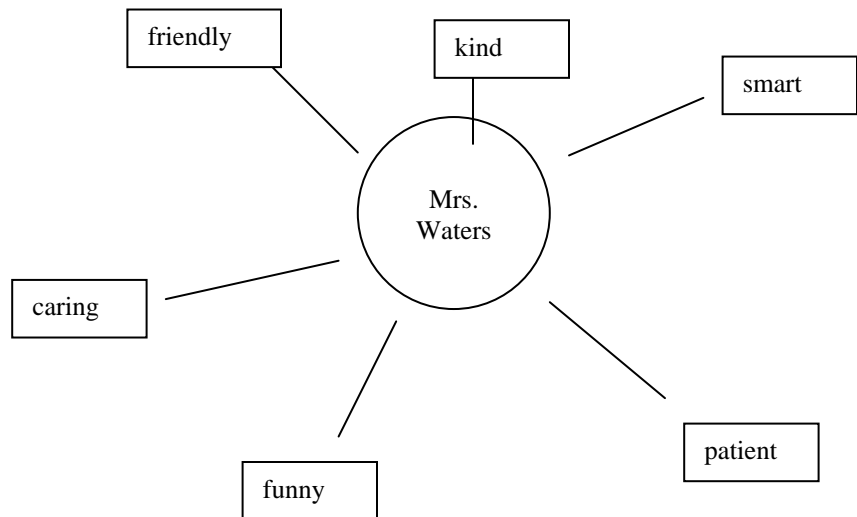
# TEACHER MODEL #2

## 2. CLUSTER (WEBBING) STRATEGY

- Character Development
  - Example: Favorite Teacher

### Brainstorm:

- Mrs. Waters
- kind
- friendly
- caring
- funny
- patient
- smart



# TEACHER MODEL #3

## 3. PRIORITIZING STRATEGY

- Persuasive Writing
  - Example: Reasons to take care of the family pet

### Brainstorm:

- Get paid allowance
- It's my turn to do it
- Mom says I have to
- The dog depends on me
- I really wanted a pet
- The dog needs a caretaker

### Prioritize:

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# TEACHER MODEL #4

## 4. INQUIRY STRATEGY

- Vivid and Precise Details
  - Example: Favorite Author

### Brainstorm:

- James Patterson
- Chilling
- Mystery
- Interesting settings
- Easy to read
- Real-life characters

### Inquiring:

- WHO is James Patterson?
- WHAT is chilling about his novels?
- WHERE do his stories take place?
- WHY are his books easy to read?
- WHEN do his characters seem lifelike?
- HOW does he make his stories so mysterious?