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Idea Development Brainstorming Sheet: exploring your topic uniquely
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Topic you are writing about:

Start by listing the first three things that come to mind when you think of your topic:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Next, list three things about your topic that someone might not know until you told them:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What emotions might be associated with your topic? List

Rewrite all three items above. Move the words from your original statements around, and use VERY interesting verbs and adjectives.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What sensory images (taste, touch, smell, sight, sound) do you associate with your topic? List:

When done with this brainstorm, use these words and ideas to help you write uniquely about your topic.

Name: *Teacher example*

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Topic you are writing about: *Grandpa*

Start by listing the first three things that come to mind when you think of your topic:

1. *His hair is white and mostly gone.*
2. *He loves Grandma very much.*
3. *He likes to work out in his vegetable garden.*

Next, list three things about your topic that someone might not know until you told them:

1. *He has a tattoo on his left arm.*
2. *I once accidentally ran my bike into him, and cut him, but he didn't get mad at me.*
3. *He drinks coffee with his friends at the clubhouse every morning.*

What emotions might be associated with your topic? List

*Friendliness (to all)
Competitive (at cards)
Hard-working (in his garden)
Loves to nap!!!*

Rewrite all three items above. Move the words from your original statements around, and use VERY interesting verbs and adjectives.

1. *His tattoo peeks out from under his cotton shirt cuff.*
2. *Grandma could have yelled when I cut his leg, but he asked if I was alright instead.*
3. *It's morning, and he's already left to sip bad coffee from Styrofoam cups with his friends.*

What sensory images (taste, touch, smell, sight, sound) do you associate with your topic? List:

Smells like cigarettes (sometimes), sounds like a comedian, his arms feel very hairy, he gently squeezes me for hugs