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BRAINSTORMING: Possible Topics and Ideas

Adopting a new pet from the shelter

Making the playoffs in a sports competition

Directing/starring in the school play

A new student comes to class

Asking your crush to the school dance

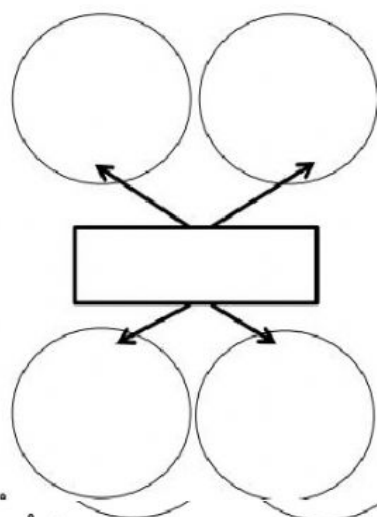
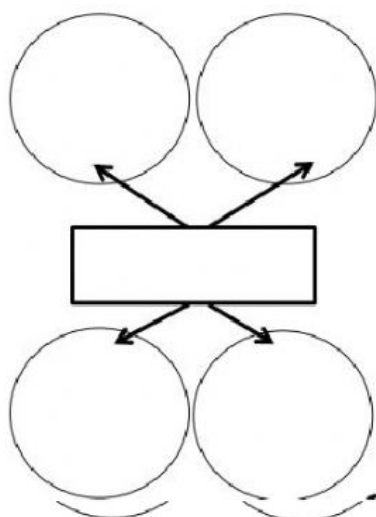
Getting your first afterschool job

My Own Ideas...

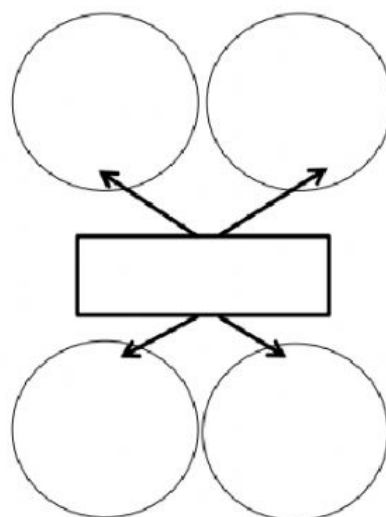
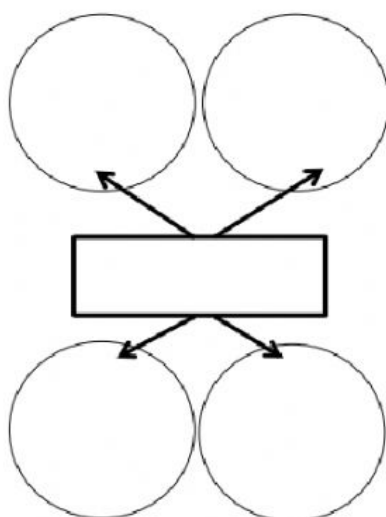
Circumstance	Percentage of Respondents (%)
If someone is attacking you	85
If someone is threatening you	75
If someone is harassing you	65
If someone is insulting you	55
If someone is annoying you	45

BRAINSTORMING: *Word Web*

Look at your brainstorming topics and decide on the topic that interests you the most. Using the word web below, brainstorm main ideas/events (based on your topic) in the square boxes. In the accompanying circles, jot down any associations you can think of from the ideas in the squares.



My topic:



THE EXPOSITION:

Characters, Setting, & Conflict

The Exposition of a story reveals the characters, the setting, and the conflict. Decide who your main characters will be, where and when the story will take place, and what conflict (purpose of the story) will occur.

CHARACTERS:

Main Characters' Names

Role: What significance does he/she bring to the story? (main character, antagonist, etc.) What character or event is he/she associated with?

Description: What does he/she look like? How old is he/she? How does he/she act? Does he/she experience a character change in the story? (bad → good, growth, etc.)

SETTING:

Where does the story take place? What is the location like? Urban/Rural, futuristic/past... What are the people like? Cultures, religions, morals... When does the story take place?

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CONFLICT:

What is the main conflict of the story? What will your main character(s) have to overcome? Give your character a purpose

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