



## Writing Essentials - Prewriting Strategy

### CLUSTERING

#### Lesson 1, Teacher Resource 1

Using circles and color coding for ideas that seem to go together, clustering is a visually powerful teaching tool for the prewriting process. Briefly, the process is as follows:

- Choose a main topic
- Narrow the topic into 3 – 4 subtopics
- Explore each subtopic with more defining ideas
- Choose one subtopic that feels most comfortable, you know the most about and is most manageable to pursue as the final writing topic

Below is an example of clustering for the main topic, Sending A Mean Text Message.



