



# Sam Houston Writing Center

## *Invention, Prewriting, or How to Get Started*

**What are you writing about?**

*Is the topic provided?*

*Selecting a topic:*

*Look out the window.*

*What is going on in your life? What is your favorite \_\_\_\_\_?*

*I dislike \_\_\_\_\_ because...*

*What do you want to know more about the subject of the class?*

**What structure to use?**

- Outlining
- Listing
- Freewriting
- Storyboarding
- Clustering

**Gathering ideas and facts.**

List everything you can think of ...

Pro and con, likes and dislikes, colors, impressions, sources, relationships,...

Do research

**Bring order to the ideas and facts.**

*First to last:*

*Similarities and differences:*

*Pros and cons:*

*Most important to least important:*

**Select position/topic based upon above.**

# Where does this take you?