Write from the beginning
Writing the “Thinking Map” Way
the writing process

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The Writing Process Flow Map

- Pre-writing or Brainstorming
- Drafting
- Revising
- Editing
- Publishing
What are my ideas?

Who is my audience?

What details can be added?

What Thinking Maps will help me?
Drafting

What is my main idea?

Do my details support my main idea?

What details can be added?

Does my writing make sense?
drafting for first graders

Using a tree map to write 3 sentences.

Vary sentence structure.

Use helping phrases to elongate sentences
Verbs like: can, has, likes, feels, wants, needs….
Example of a Completed Map

In 2012

I can't wait to
- Go to Disney
- Croos, and me
- And my
- Mom singing me up to a Krode.

I want to
- Go to Katy
- Here the most
- Name: [redacted]

My goal is
- Be per
- GT telling
- Tim
- Be or Thin
- R11-11-12
drafting for grade two

Using a flow/tree hybrid to:

Identify a subject
Identify 3 supporting details
Elaborate each supporting details
Opening and closing statements
Transitional phrases
Write from the beginning: How to

Main idea/Focus/Introduction/Thesis

Detail #1

Detail #1,
elaboration

Restatement of argument/closing

Detail #2

Detail #2,
elaboration

Detail #3

Detail #3,
elaboration
WFTB: Flee Map

To begin,

Additionally,

In closing,
WFTB: Flee Map

[Diagram with three boxes connected by arrows and space for notes below]
The best part of my vacation was being to my Grandad and Grandma in 10 hours. I was seeing my aunt. She has a pet and has a lot of stars. We like to play with her beanbags. We play with her beanbags in her room.

That is why seeing my aunt was the best part of my vacation.

Only 2 details because it was early in the process.
TRANSITIONAL PHRASES

Adding More
- First
- Second
- Next
- Last
- Finally
- Further
- Furthermore
- Additionally
- In addition
- Moreover
- Equally important
- Too
- Again

To Compare
- Similarly
- Likewise
- also
- In fact
- In the same way
- Compared to
- But
- Yet
- Meanwhile
- However
- Although
- on the other hand
- still

To Support
- Because
- Nevertheless
- certainly
- Therefore
- To illustrate
- Thus
- For instance
- For example
- As a result
- In addition
- To clarify
- Accordingly
- In conclusion