

Student says:

For my prewriting strategies, I chose to try free writing and mapping. I did my free writing first, which you can see here, as I felt I needed to get some ideas down before I tried mapping. I have always been a fan of free writing as a good way to get started on an essay assignment, but I was really glad when I realized my free writing actually led to some good categories for my paper, which led to some a good plan for my mapping.

<switches to image of mapping>

When I created my map, I used three main categories I wanted to focus on in my paper, categories I developed from my free write. I decided to start with the categories of nature, buildings and architecture, and the people as a way to help focus my paper on Maine culture. From those categories that I actually developed from my free write, I was able to develop smaller categories that would give me some good directions to take in my paper.

Overall, I think my prewriting has been productive, and I feel ready for the next steps.