

Bubble Diagram

A Pre-Writing Strategy for Stories

Preparation:

1. Gather chart paper and markers for modeling a bubble diagram

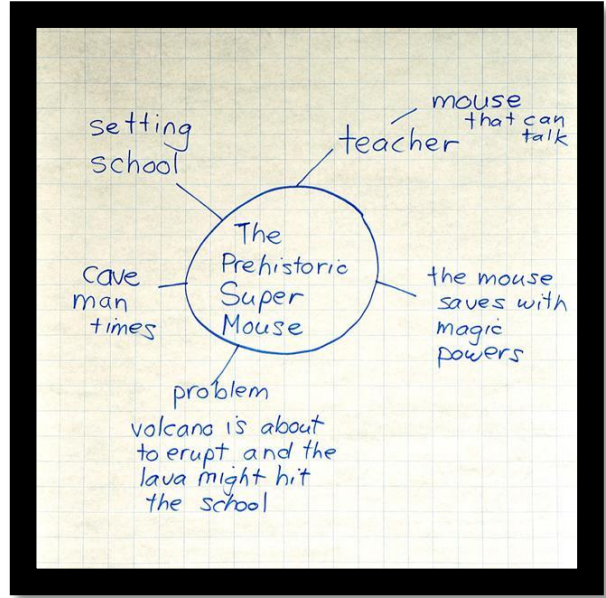
Implementation:

1. Discuss the importance of understanding the writing process
 - a. Emphasize the planning stage and describe how the bubble diagram is a strategy to use when planning a story
2. Model how to make a bubble diagram
 - a. Draw a circle in the center of a piece of chart paper
 - b. Record the title of the story in the circle
3. Have students brainstorm ideas to include in the story
 - a. Use the “5 W’s” and “How” to guide the brainstorming session
 - b. Record ideas around the main bubble
4. Have students complete their own bubble diagram

Key:

1. When (past)
2. Where (is it set)
3. Who (is in it)
4. What (is the problem)
5. How (can we solve it)

Now, add a title!



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