TOPIC DEVELOPMENT: CIRCLE MAP

A Circle Map can be used to help you define your topic, organize what you already know and identify what you need to learn about your topic.

Getting Started:
1. Inside the center circle: use words, pictures, etc to define your topic
2. Inside the bigger circle: write or draw any information that puts your topic in context.
   Write what you know about your topic.
3. Inside the square: list the questions you have about your topic.
   List the things you don’t know about your topic.
4. Do some background research to find out more about your topic and try to answer some of your questions.
EXAMPLE: CIRCLE MAP for TOPIC of CYBERBULLYING

Do schools have policies about this?
Are there prevention programs?
Epidemic?
Social networking websites

Cyberbullying

Who are the victims?
How are they impacted?

Leads to suicide and depression
Not just teens bullying

Increased # of news reports
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What are the effects on the bullies?
Kids being bullied?

Who are the victims?
How are they impacted?

Are there case studies?
Legal studies?

Are there prevention programs?