

Four Square BRAINSTORMING

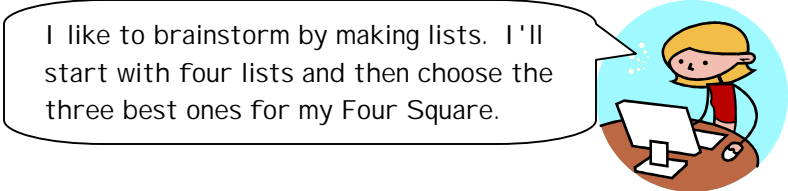
Even with the Four Square organizational structure, **the writer needs to do some basic brainstorming before s/he starts putting the information into the squares.** The writer below brainstorms in columns, or by listing.

Prompt:

Write about something or someone that is the best. It could be the best vacation spot, your best teacher, the best book, the best sport, or any other thing or person that you really like. Be sure to give good supporting details to explain why you think it is the best. Also use descriptive language to help the reader understand your point.

Thesis Statement:

Poodles are the best dogs to have.



Smart	Adorable, Cute, Pretty, Attractive	Easy to take care of	Good personality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Service dogs for hearing impaired, etc. ❑ Learn tricks quickly (on <i>Pet Star</i> on TV, in circuses, etc.) ❑ Trained quickly ❑ Human-like intelligence, according to Poodle Club of America ❑ Originated in Germany (<i>pudel</i>), and bred for intelligence ❑ Became popular in France because of intelligence ❑ Used by gypsies as street performers to perform tricks/skits ❑ As working dogs, used in hunting as water dogs; intelligence made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Fluffy hair ❑ Can be trimmed into fancy cuts or left trimmed into fluffy cuts ❑ Several sizes from teacup, toy, miniature, standard ❑ Several colors: black, white, brown, red, parti, apricot ❑ Body build - not too overly powerful, not too wimpy ❑ Pretty face with big eyes, pointy snout ❑ Fancy pompons originally cut to cushion and warm working dogs' joints and muscles when they were water retrievers ❑ Ladies of French nobility brought 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Non-allergenic with no dander ❑ No shedding ❑ Grooming takes just simple brushing ❑ Bathing is easy because poodles are even tempered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Loving dogs enjoy relaxing with humans ❑ Also enjoy running and playing with children ❑ Like to fetch the ball and catch the frisbee ❑ Like to become attached to one person and be devoted to him/her ❑ Socialized poodles like to play with other dogs and cats ❑ Enjoy being shown in competition ❑ Favorite of many celebrities - Lucille Ball, Debbie Reynolds, Winston

<p>them easy to train</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounts of royal command performances featuring poodles displaying feats of intelligence, balance, agility during 18th cent. 	<p>clipping, dyeing of poodle hair to high art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naturally clean dogs that keep a pretty neat appearance 		<p>Churchill, John Heisman, John Steinbeck</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toy poodles served as hand warmers inside large sleeves of nobility during Renaissance
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<http://www.poodle-place.com/poodledescr.htm>

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<http://www.tunneltwo.com/tutti/quotes.html>

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<http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org/breed.htm>



I had to do a little research about poodles. Here are my sources.



I can't stand to brainstorm on the computer. I have to do it by hand.



Me, too. I like to get everything written down that I *might* want to talk about; then I decide what to choose for my Four Square boxes.



Not me. I can't think with a pencil anymore. I make a Word or Excel table.



Do we have a writing assignment?