

## A-B-C Timed Writing Strategy

### I. **A**ttack the Prompt

- A. Circle “to do”/action words (verbs)
- B. Unwrap the question by rewriting it

### II. **B**rainstorm possible answers (pre-writing technique)

- A. Bubble cluster or
- B. Spider diagram or
- C. Line clusters or
- D. Columns or
- E. Outline

### III. **C**ompose (write) your response

- A. Arrange your pre-writing technique into body paragraphs
- B. Include important elements of an essay
  1. **Hook** (get reader’s attention) or **Tag** (title, author, genre if a literary prompt)
  2. **Thesis** (subject/opinion or claim, or what are you going to prove in your essay)
  3. **Body paragraph(s)**
  4. **Conclusion**

✓ **Check your paper by reading it before you turn it in.**