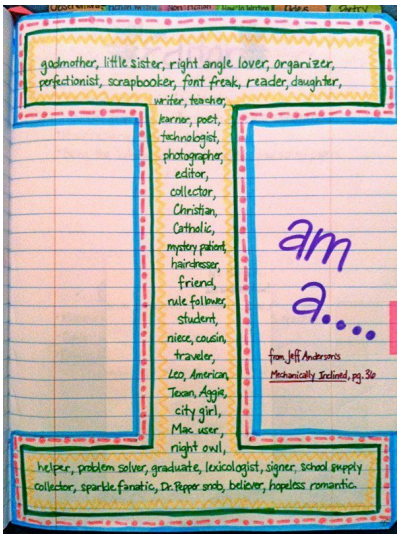
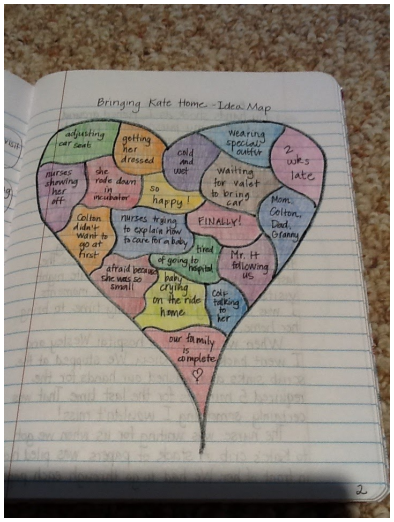
Writing Territories

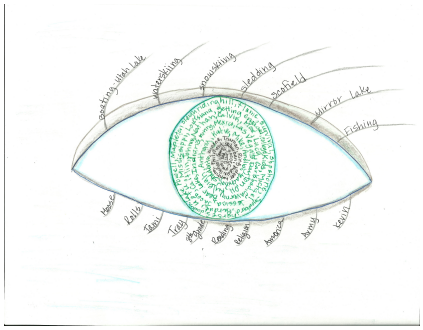
1. Set up your Writer's Notebook first. See PowerPoint for setting up your Writer's Notebook.
2. On page 1 (right after the two Table of Contents pages), you will create a page with writing territories or topics that you can write about.
3. This list can be places you've visited, experiences you've had, people you know, things you wonder about, pet peeves, anything you think you could write about. You are just brainstorming a list of possibilities. You can use the other handout to give you more ideas about what you want to write about. If you use the idea list, don't just copy those words down, personalize it.
4. You have a choice of four different formats in which to create your list.

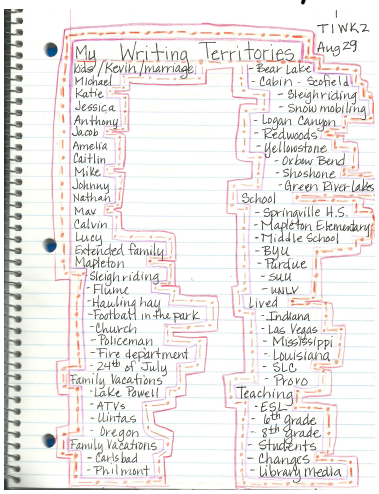
You can create a giant "I" and list all your ideas inside the "I". The "I" stands for "I am an authority about these topics." Make sure you have at least 32 topics.



Or you can make a heart with things that you love inside it. Make sure you have at least 32 topics.





Or you can create an eye representing your "Writer's Eye". These would be the things that you're comfortable writing about.

Your last choice is to make a column with all your topics. Again, make sure that you have at least 32 topics that you feel comfortable writing about. You can color or decorate your pages any way you want.