## Generating Ideas

- How do I come up with a list of topics to write about?

## Writing Informational Texts

- How can you create lively, engaging pieces of informational writing?
- How can your writing teach other people about topics on which you are an expert?
  - How do we research, find material, read, and highlight the most important information?

You can use a T-Chart to create a list of topics you know a lot about.

On this T-Chart you will also make a list of the facts that you can teach your reader about each of those topics.

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3	Writers of informational texts choose topics they know		
$\langle$	a lot about, care about and could teach to others.		
$\prec$	👸 👌 Brainstorm a list of "expert" topics:		>
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$\langle$		Soccer	>
$\stackrel{\checkmark}{\downarrow}$	Baseball	Making Cookies	$\geq$
$\downarrow$	Origami	Dogs	>
3	Goldfish	Knitting	5
3	Skiing	Babysitting	>
$\frac{1}{2}$	My School	Cats	>
$\stackrel{>}{\downarrow}$	Kayaking	Swimming	>
$\frac{1}{3}$	Camping	Fashion	>
3	Party Planning	Gardening	5
3	Dinosaurs	Snack Foods	5
3	Cars	Hamsters	5

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Brain Storm Topics By Creating Boxes & Bullets.

## Boxes and Bullets

Winters of informational texts organize the information about their topic using boxes and bullets.

Write your topic in the BOX and list 5 or 6 subtopics or categories that go with your topic:

## Dogs

- Grooming
- Feeding Your Dog
- Special Supplies
- Play & Exercise
- Puppies
- House Training

Set Up Album in Photos:

- Writing Nonfiction