

# ABC Brainstorm

## Purpose:

The purpose of ABC Brainstorm is to activate students' prior knowledge about a certain topic that will be discussed. It is to be used before studying a new concept or major topic.

## Materials Needed:

Paper, Pencil

## Procedures:

- Students will first write each letter of the alphabet going down a sheet of paper, leaving room to write a word or phrase beside each letter.
- They will then be given a topic. With this topic, the students brainstorm words or phrases for each letter of the alphabet that correlate with that topic.
- Students will first work individually. Then, they can work with a partner or a group to compare words/phrases and to brainstorm letters they have not filled in yet.
- Finally, the class can have a group discussion about what they wrote for each letter.
- It is suggested that broad topics should be used in order for students to be able to think of words/phrases for each or most of the letters of the alphabet.
- Variations include having students brainstorm words/phrases for blocks of letters instead of each letter. (For example, ABC; DEF; GHI; etc.)

## Reference:

- <http://www.readingquest.org/strat/abc.html>