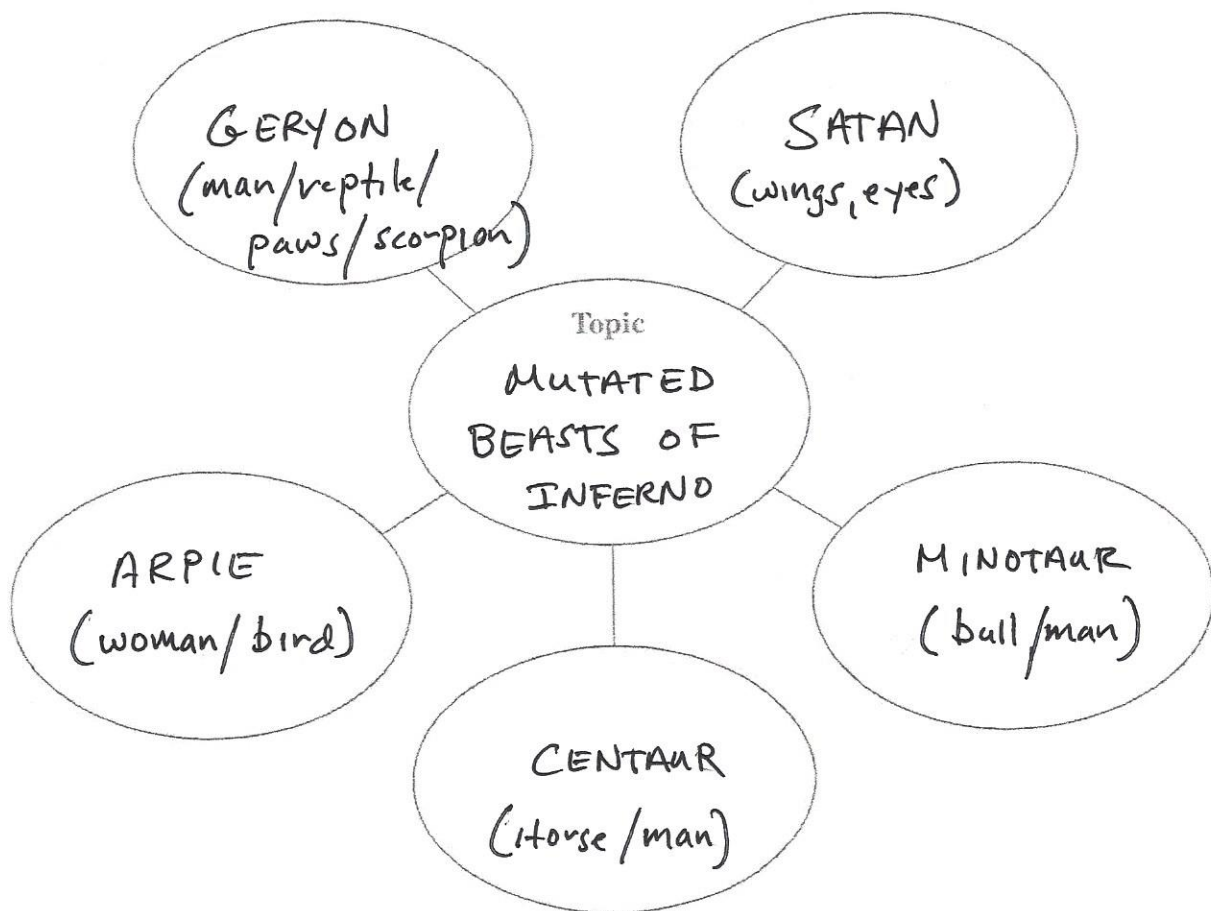


Research Paper

CHOOSING AND SHAPING A TOPIC

You can use a cluster diagram to help you decide on a topic.

Directions: Use the following diagram to explore a topic that you would like to research and write about. Write a topic in the center circle. Try to view the topic from different perspectives. Then use the remaining circles to record questions you might develop when considering different aspects of a topic. Add more branches and circles if necessary. Choose the question that intrigues you most and write a goal statement. This statement will help you focus your thinking and guide your research.



Goal Statement: _____

WHY DID DANTE INCLUDE THESE BEASTS
IN THE INFERNO?

Research Paper

FORMULATE RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Once you have a topic in mind, you will need to develop specific questions that you want to answer in your research paper.

Directions: Write your topic on the first line. Then write four questions that you want to find the answers to. Highlight any keywords—terms, names, or phrases that are specific to your topic.

Topic: MUTATED BEASTS/MONSTERS OF THE INFERNO

1. Question 1: WHY DOES DANTE INCLUDE THESE BEASTS?

2. Question 2: HOW DID THESE BEASTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUNISHMENTS?

3. Question 3: HOW IS THEIR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS SYMBOLIC TO THE SIN THEY PUNISH?

4. Question 4: WHAT IS DANTE'S REACTION TO THE BEASTS?