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In the center of a blank sheet of paper, write the name of the first color that comes to your mind. Circle that color. Let your mind wonder, and quickly write down all descriptive words or phrases that come to your mind that are related to that color. Connect the words logically, creating clusters. Next see what images these relationships suggest to you. Write a piece (a poem, a story, or a short essay) based on your clusters. Exchange papers, and in pairs, comment on...

- a. The best phrase in your partner's piece.**
- b. What needs explanation or clarification.**
- c. The central idea of the piece.**

With your partner, discuss how this exercise illustrates the characteristics of writing.