Cluster Mapping

What is cluster mapping?

- A brainstorming device that helps organize your ideas into manageable parts.
- Very helpful when writing an essay. You start with your main idea, then branch out to include more detailed, specific information.

Fill in the following blanks in the cluster map below.

1. What is the main idea of your essay?
2. What is one supporting idea for your essay?
3. What is another supporting idea for your essay?
4. What is another supporting idea for your essay?
5. What is another supporting idea for your essay?

**Tip** - You can include many supporting ideas, but remember to consider the length of your paper. A longer paper can include many ideas, but a shorter paper includes fewer ideas.

5. What is another supporting idea for your essay?
   a. What information can give more details for this idea?
      1. If needed, include a specific example or source material?