

Brainstorming Assignment

Free Writing

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Penrose academic lectures microtubules and quantum computing. I miss live lectures. I miss going to cafes and listening in on conversations, and I miss English libraries. Libraries are the best inventions. When did libraries first appear? They seem like a recent invention—public lending libraries, not monastery libraries or private ones. Library of Alexandria? There are many ways that libraries helped people. Libraries and culture Planet of the Apes, jazz albums—a huge bonus for me as a kid. Dragon magazine! Second-hand books and used book sales, reading contests, hosting the local writing club. I wonder if the writing club is still going in Prince Albert. I wish I could start a writing club for kids but not make it a TEFL thing, a writing club for native-speaker kids. Maybe I'm the wrong person to run it, though. Maybe a non-writer or an aspiring writer of less technical bent would be better. I think it'd be fun, but I might overwhelm kids. Maybe not. Perhaps I should consider it. Clubs can be really helpful for kids. I liked being in Youth Orchestra—well, Youth String Orchestra. Bass! I loved playing contrabass. Four strings are enough. Guitar is too hard: six strings gets confusing, I'm learning very slowly because I get tangled up with the strings, though I know it's just a muscle memory thing and being older, I need to be patient with how I learn it.

Banjo. EWI. Synthesizer settings. Wish I had the WX pedal thingie so I could do loops and sustained long tones. It's not that expensive, maybe this winter I should get it. Maybe. Then again, it's going to be a long winter, and I could probably do better just having an educational license for Ableton Live.

What's Interesting Here?

- Things I miss from back home related to intellectual stimulation.
- **Libraries were important to me as a kid.**
- Clubs are good for kids' development.
- Challenges involved in being creative with a kid.
- How people will remember the coronavirus pandemic in the future.

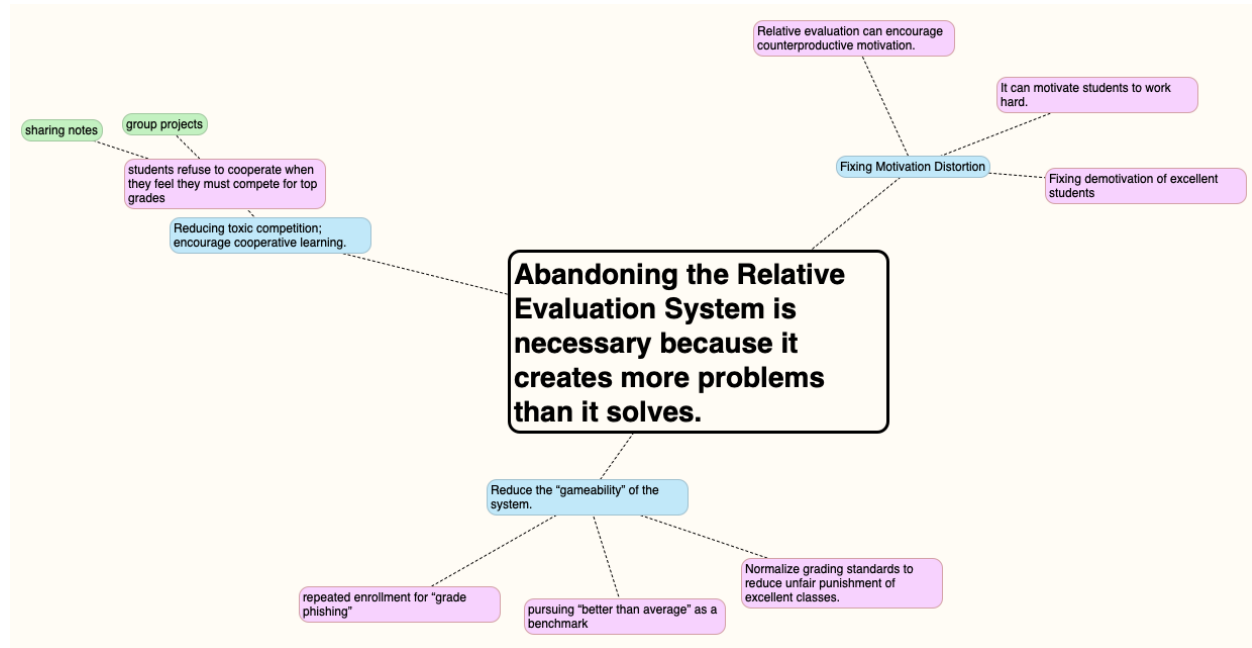
Ask Yourself:

- Will this fit into a paragraph?
- Will it be interesting to other people?
- Will it be interesting to me? Can I handle it?

Statement of Intent (Topic Sentence):

Libraries were important to me **as a kid** in several ways.

Mind Map 1:



Mind Map 2:

