AN OVERVIEW OF THE WRITING PROCESS

I Choosing a Topic
   A. Take the time necessary to choose a topic that works for you.
   B. Use a Journal
   C. Brainstorm with a friend.

II Narrowing Your Topic
   A. Use a branching diagram.
   B. Ask Questions
   C. Divide and then subdivide the topic into its logical parts.

III Determining Your Purpose and Considering Your Audience
   A. Decide why you are writing.
   B. Decide whom you are writing for.

IV Choosing a Point of View
   A. Decide which point of view (first, second, or third person) will work best
      for your specific audience.
   B. Consider which point of view will enable you to present your thesis most
      effectively.

V Discovering Ideas to Write About
   A. Freewriting
   B. Mapping
   C. Brainstorming
   D. Group Brainstorming
   E. Questioning
   F. Writing Assertions
   G. Interviewing
   H. Using Patterns of Development
   I. Researching your Topic
   J Visualizing and Sketching

VI Drafting
   A. Selecting an Effective Pattern of Organization
   B. Writing or Drawing an Organizational Plan

VII Revising
   A. Analyzing Your Paper’s Purpose and Audience
   B. Analyzing Your Thesis, Auxiliary Ideas, and Evidence
   C. Analyzing Your Organization
   D. Analyzing Your Paragraphs for Unity and Development
   E. Questioning and Interviewing to Generate Additional Material
   F. Cutting Irrelevant Details