Brainstorming

Problem or Key Idea

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Rules:

1. All ideas are valid — judgment or criticism is not allowed.
2. Everyone should feel free to voice any idea. Even "wild ideas" are valid.
3. Piggy-backing or hitch-hiking on the ideas of others is allowed — encouraged even!
4. The more ideas, the better.

Follow-Up

1. Leave all ideas as written.
2. Set some **criteria** for evaluating and "pruning" the ideas. Examples: "Can we do that?" "Is it relevant to American Literature?" "Is it fun?" "Is it creative?"
3. Discuss ideas that fit the criteria. Circle, star, or highlight the ones that fit.
4. Discuss ways to develop the ideas.

Criteria