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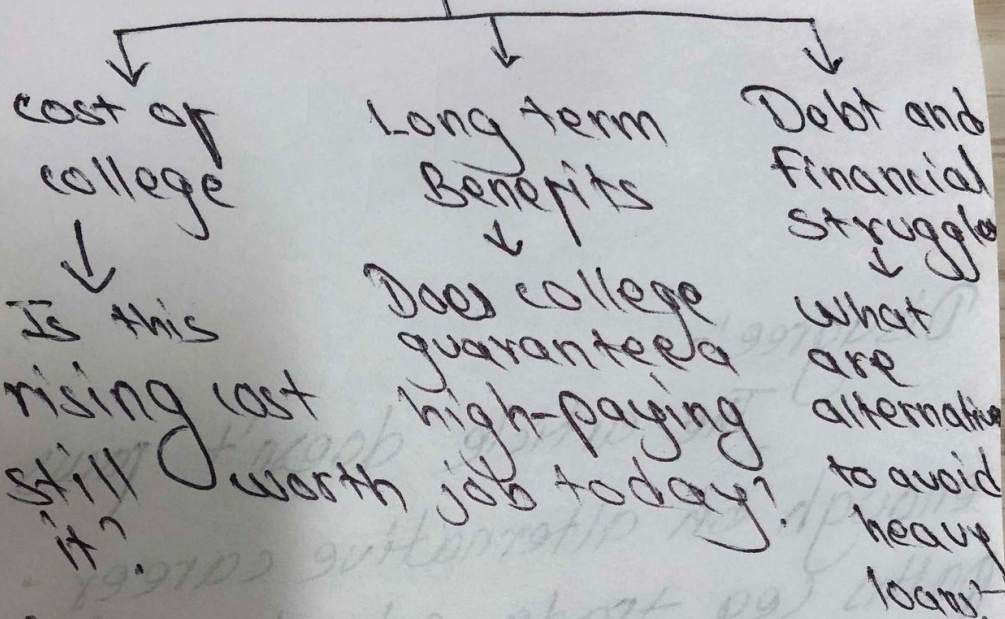
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Choose two of the three pre-writing strategies from the video on slide 22

(brainstorm/map/cluster, freewriting, or listing) to begin the writing process for your second major assignment: the Summary and Response Essay. Both need to show your line of reasoning and thoughts at this stage in the writing process. I am not looking for a developed thesis statement, but I do want to know what part(s) of the article you plan to focus on, agree/disagree with, and where you might find that information. If you choose the brainstorm/map/cluster option, you may write it by hand, take a picture, and upload it.

Brainstorming

Is College Worth it?



Agree! - College can still be beneficial for certain fields but the blanket statement it's worth it doesn't hold true for everyone.



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Disagree!-

The article doesn't focus enough on alternative career paths (eg trade, schools, tech certification) that don't require a degree but can still offer a good salary



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Freewriting:

I spent 10 minutes writing down my thoughts on Leonhardt's article without worrying about structure. Here's what I came up with:

I think Leonhardt makes some solid points about the benefits of college, especially in terms of long-term income potential. However, I feel like his argument might not be as valid in 2024 as it was in 2014. Since then, the cost of college has gone up even more, and student loan debt is a bigger issue now than it was back then. Also, not every college degree guarantees a good job anymore, with some graduates struggling to find work in their fields.

On the other hand, there are other paths like trade schools or online certifications that lead to high-paying jobs without the burden of student loans. I agree with the idea that college can be worth it, but only for certain fields. I want to focus on whether college is still worth it for everyone today or if it's becoming more of a burden for students who can't afford the rising costs or find work afterward. To support my response, I'll need to look up some updated statistics on student loan debt and current job market trends.

Focus Points for the Essay:

- Parts of the article to focus on: The rising cost of college and Leonhardt's argument about long-term financial benefits.
- Agree/Disagree: I agree with Leonhardt's overall argument but believe it doesn't consider alternatives or the more severe student debt issues today.
- Where to find supporting information: Updated statistics on student debt and job market data, and sources that explore alternative education paths like trade schools.