



The Writing Process: Prewriting and Drafting

A. Prewriting Techniques

1. **Listing** (Example: Effects of Technology)

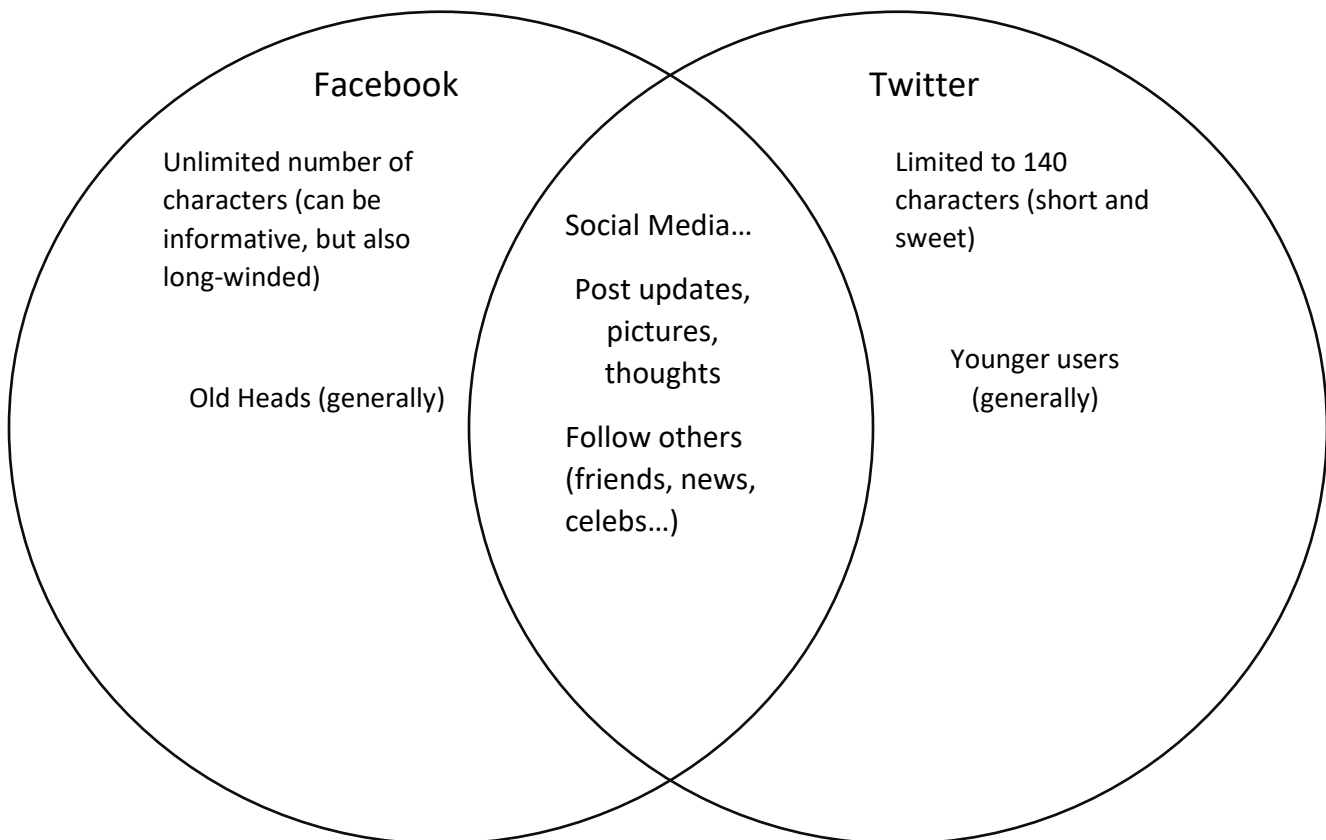
Positive

- Information at our fingertips
- Games, entertainment
- Ease of communication (texting, social media...)
- GPS (travel, emergencies, Google Earth...)
- E-Books (convenient)

Negative

- People attached to devices (rude, anti-social, less observant...)
- More ways to waste time
- Reduced face-to-face contact (lost conversation skills, professionalism, letter writing, spelling, handwriting...)
- GPS (Nowhere to hide; can we read a paper map? Satellites could go down...)
- Miss the feel of a real book; need to charge device

2. **Venn Diagram** (Compare/Contrast) (Example: Facebook vs. Twitter)



3. **Outline** (Organize Your List and/or Venn Diagram)

a. Use numbers and/or letters and/or symbols

- Rank importance and relevance
- Create a hierarchy with headings; your headings will evolve into your topic sentences

B. Apply one (or more) of the prewriting techniques to your writing assignment(s).
Then you'll be ready to begin drafting your paragraphs.

C. What's your favorite technique? Have you customized one?

What's the Point?

- It is much easier to compose paragraphs once your prewriting is done!
- Prewriting will increase productivity and ultimately save you time and energy.
- Prewriting will also improve your organization and the flow of your writing.

