

# Wow... The ISTEP Lady!

## TOP 10 STRATEGIES

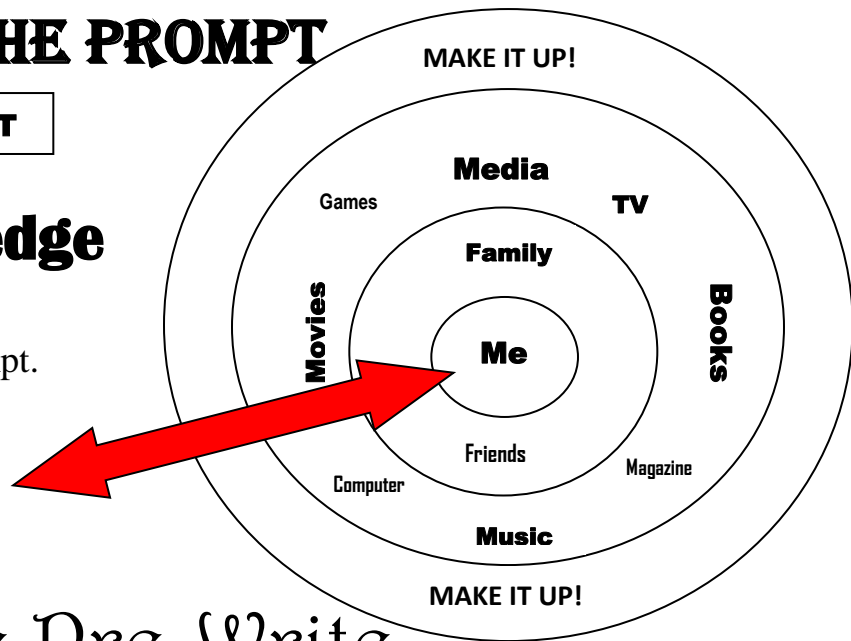
### #1: UNDERSTAND THE PROMPT

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### #2: Circle of Knowledge

- Start with what I know about the prompt.
- Think about other things I know.
- If still stuck... make it up!



### #3: Power of the Pre-Write

**Graphic Organizers: Choose the best one!**

1. Web

2. Outline or Grocery List

3. B-M-E

4. Venn Diagram

**Spend 10-15 minutes on the pre-write!**

# #4: Elaboration & Length

**\*MORE THAN ONE PAGE!**

## **Ways to Elaborate (ADD):**

**Names:** Joe, Mike, Mr. Brown, April, Tuesday, McDonalds

**Numbers:** 3, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$3, 3 miles, 6 years, -20, 7 hours

**Sensory Details:** Smells, Tastes, Feeling, Seeing, Hearing

**Comparisons:** My baseball was the same size as medium-sized frog

**Figurative Language:** Bang!; scary, stormy night; busy as a bee

**Rules of Three:** List adjectives, nouns or verbs in 3's

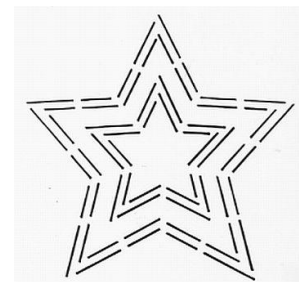
**Action-based dialogue:** "Shh, mom is coming," said Mike.

## #5: *Power of Words*

## #6: *Strong Beginnings*

## #7: *End Gently—No Crash & Burn Endings*

## #8: *Catchy Titles*



#9: Shoot for 5's or 6's

#10: Reflection Hand – Make sure you have done the following:



Focus on making  
your writing better!