**Writing Research Reports**

**Prewriting** to Choose and Narrow a Topic

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**Create a topic cluster.**

Create a cluster about historical figures from social studies, science, or math. Write a detail about the person in the second branch. Finally, put a star by the person you want to write about.

**Pick your topic.**

Review your cluster ideas and choose the two or three people who interest you the most. Talk about your choices in a small group. Then choose one person as the topic for your research report. Write his or her name below, along with the reason for your choice.