

Exploring/mapping memories exercise.

Ask the participants to describe what explorers and map makers do in order to find and give information about a location. Discuss their thoughts.

Ask the participants to draw a map of a place they remember very well, like a childhood neighborhood, vacation spot, or favorite place. Then have them label and add details to their maps related to memories they had there.

Have the students share and present their work to each other.

Choose one of the stories/memories that arose in the drawing.

Begin to write about that memory.

Share these initial freewrites in the group and identify themes that are emerging in the work.