Brainstorming for Charlotte Doyle Essay  
**You will turn this in.**

Circle the prompt you will use.

**A**) “To complete this elegant picture, Captain Jaggery sat upon one of a pair of armchairs in the fine full dress, an open book on his knee. It was, in fact, the Bible. When I came in he rose to his feet and made an elegant bow” (5.8). The captain's main reading material on the ship is the Bible. But does Jaggery himself seem to follow Christian values in his treatment of the crew? Does Jaggery practice what he preaches, or is it all, as Charlotte's phrasing suggests, just an "elegant picture"? Find three passages from the book that illustrate your position, and find Bible passages that either approve or condemn his actions.

**B**) This is a book about appearances. Pick three characters who aren’t what they seem at first. Examine what each initially appears to be, what each is revealed to be, why the false understanding, and how all this affects the story.

**C**) Charlotte is forced into many trials over the course of the book. Pick three and explain how she handles each one and how each changes her.

**Step 1**: Brainstorm your chosen prompt. Dig deeply. **Turn this in.**

a) What are my options? List as many ways as you can.

b) For each of your options, go deeper by answering **how**, **what**, **where,** and **why**. These will be the sub points for your paragraphs. Look through the book to find these.

**Step 2**: Read over your ideas and combine those that are similar, and remove those that are too vague to be good (or are just *bad*). Choose the three best answers to support your argument.

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**Step 3**: Decide what your opinion will be for your essay and copy below your **three strongest** points from the list above that support your argument. Underneath each, write three sub points for each of your three points. These come from brainstorming how, what, where, and why your points are true.

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**Step 4**: Write a one sentence working thesis statement, including your three strongest arguments.

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