At a Glance
- Brainstorming details about the main topic of a reading assignment
- Examining the effects of an action
- Identifying characteristics of a person or group

Differentiated Instruction: Lesson 2
For struggling students, allow students to work in groups to complete the character summary.

LESSON 1 SUPPORT FOR READING
Step-by-Step Strategy
1. Ask students to identify a conflict from one of their reading selections. Show the Freeform Web and enter the conflict in the center circle.
2. Have students skim the selection to find possible causes that led to the conflict. Enter these in the Idea circles.
3. End the lesson with a discussion of which causes played the biggest role in producing the conflict.

LESSON 2 SUPPORT FOR WRITING
Step-by-Step Strategy
1. Tell students they will write a character summary about a character from one of their reading selections. Model using the graphic organizer by entering a famous person’s name in the Topic circle.
2. Ask students to list key characteristics or qualities of the famous person and enter these in the Idea circles.
3. Instruct students to write their own character summaries using the following format.
   - Introduce the character.
   - Include examples of the character’s best and worst qualities and reasons that these qualities are important to the story.
   - Summarize the conclusions about the character.