WRITE IT OUT, FLAT OUT!

MATERIALS:

- 1 piece of paper with 2 blank sides or 2 pieces of paper
- Pencil or pen

STEPS:

1. Make a list of as many things that you can think of items with a flat shape. When writing the words on the page, space them out, leaving room to write and draw between the words.

2. Draw arrows to connect a pair of two words. This can be done using thought, instincts, or random selection.

3. How do the connected word pairs make sense together? Are there links that can be made between these words in the physical/real world, in an imaginative world, and/or as an intellectual concept or theory?

4. Write brief notes with ideas for each pairing on top of or near each arrow.

5. On a blank page, write or draw about how each pairing of words are united and work together. This can be in the form of a creative story, a poem, or an informational paragraph.

CHECK IT OUT!

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