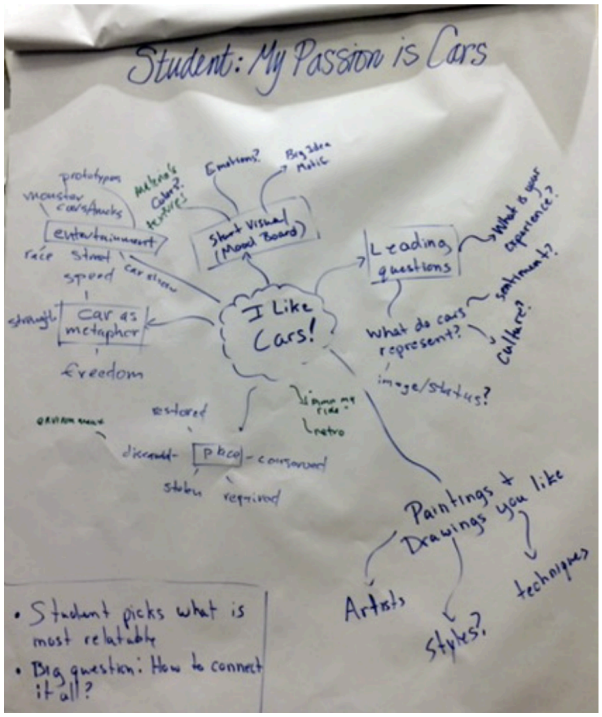
PART 1:
3 EXERCISES TO GENERATE UNIQUE EXPERIENCES & IDEAS FOR YOUR SUSTAINED INVESTIGATION (the topic of your AP portfolio):
these 3 are optional, but recommended, to help spark flow; PART 2 is *REQUIRED

1. For one minute each, respond to the following questions:
   What is on your mind right now?
   What have been your best recent memories?
   What is an experience you will never forget?
   What brings you joy?
   What do you wonder about?
   What makes you different from any other human being in this world?
   Go back and circle things that stand out to you. Why do these things stand out? Are they connected?

2. Mind Map- Start with a personal interest, passion, concern and construct a chart – mind map of all possibilities – there is no right or wrong. Find one branch that is "doable". Cars are just an example….





3. In a very short time frame, collect things that peak your interest, perhaps go outside. Collect and bring back items of interest that are OK for you to take. Get lots, no time to preplan; just go, get involved. 30 min?

Sort and arrange items.
Write possible patterns of meaning. Do this with magazine images.
Write questions as if you have never seen any of these items before. Do they have a connection, a story… List possibilities.
Display your findings.

PART 2: HOW DO I MAKE MY IDEA BETTER?
In your sketchbook, write a short statement describing your idea. Then:

- Write out a new version of that questions using each of the following:
  What if…
  How…
  Why…

- Do those questions spark new ideas? Would any of them be a better fit for the direction of your art-making?
  *Put a star next to new ideas

- Focus on how your investigation questions guide your thinking and making. Write a reflection sentence in response to one of following:
  How did that tweak of wording affect the subject matter/imagery?
  How does your evolving question affect your choice of materials? Color? Mood?
  How might the revision affect the process of your art-making?
  What are the new, maybe more specific, choices you can now make to support this current investigation?

- Finally, state the inquiry (so question format) that you think will guide your investigation:

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