## **CONNECTION CIRCLES**

## Rules

- 1. Draw a large circle.
- 2. List important elements around the circle.
  - A. Restrict the number to between five and ten.
  - B. All elements should be nouns or noun phrases.
  - C. Elements can increase or decrease.
- 3. Identify an element that causes another element to increase or decrease.
  - A. Draw an arrow from the cause to the effect.
  - B. Make sure that the causal connection is a direct one.
  - C. Identify polarity of arrow and label at the arrow head.
- 4. Continue to identify elements with causal connections.