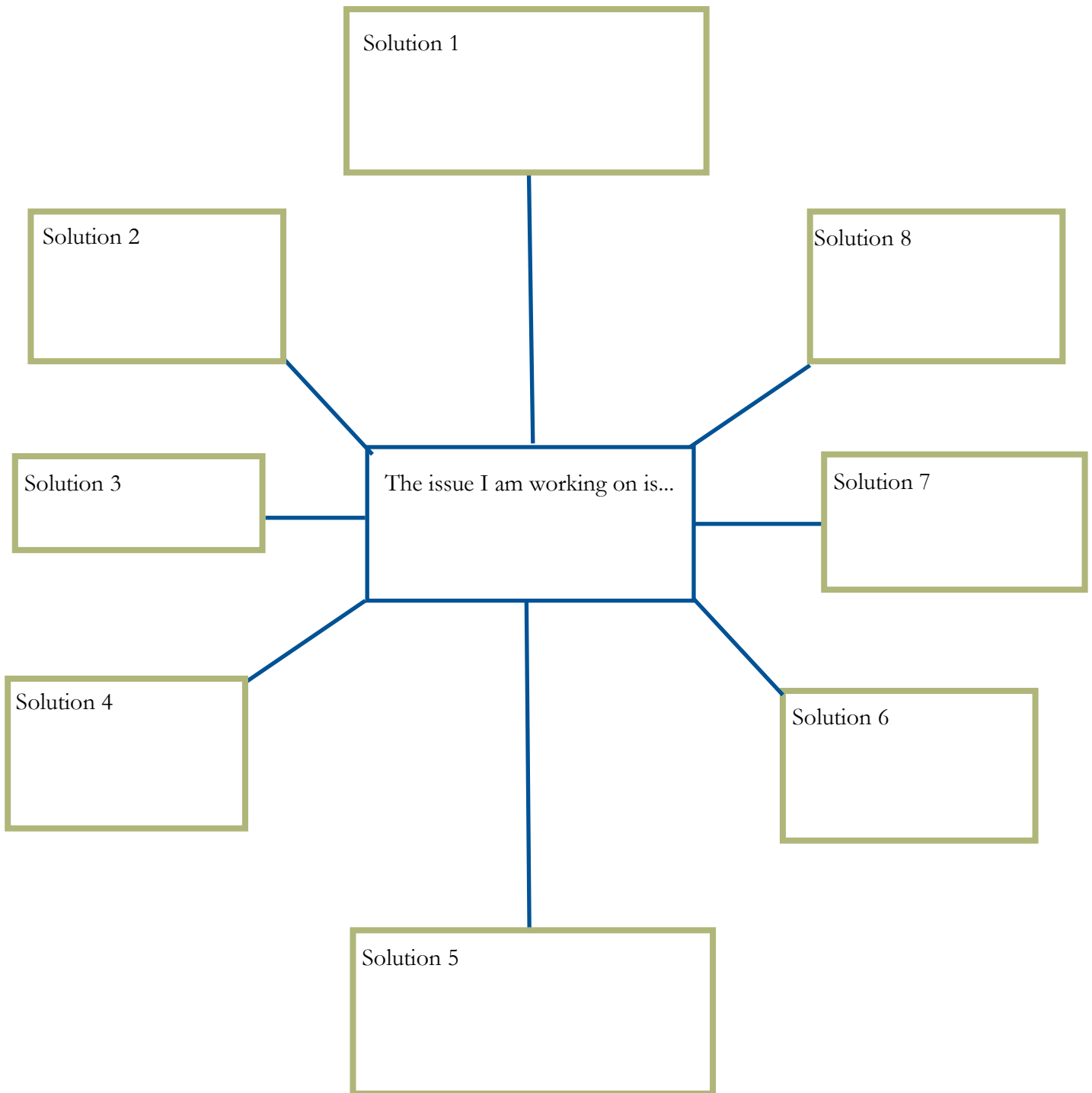


## Step 1: Brainstorming Solutions

1. In the space below, write down all the ways **YOU** could help solve the issue. Sometimes it's as simple as donating money or writing a letter, or it can be complex like creating a new organization that focuses on that issue. At this point, only focus on the solutions, **not the details**.
2. As you write **do not erase or delete**. To begin the brainstorming process or to keep it going, write down everything that comes to mind. Not everything has to sound amazing but writing it down will help.



**Step 2:** Pick your top three.

1. Select your top three ideas. You might have three individual ideas or you might see some you could combine.
2. Using the space below, think about the pros and cons of each (the good things and the bad things). If you are having trouble, talk with someone you live with, a friend, your teacher, or Google it.

### Solution 1

PRO	CON

## Solution 2

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### Solution 3

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### Step 3: Public Comments and Solution Selection

1. Before solutions are put into place, they often go through a public comment phase where individuals who did not work on the project are able to say what they like and don't like about the idea.
2. Ask at least three different people what they think of the solutions. They should provide constructive criticism and comments. They should tell you not only if they like or don't like the idea but **why**. If they don't answer the "why" questions, ask them.
3. After you talk with a few individuals, pick the solution you think is best. Based on what others said, you might need to research the solution a little more or you at least know what future criticism there might be.

### Step 4: Get the Word Out!

1. You now have this great idea! How are you going to inform others and what are the steps to make it happen?
2. Create a short presentation about your solution. It should include:
  - a. What was the initial issue?
  - b. Why was it an issue?
  - c. What is the solution?
  - d. What is the solution's justification?
  - e. What is the process for implementing the solution?
    - i. Is it just one step?
    - ii. Are there many steps?
    - iii. Do you plan to focus on just one step?
  - f. What is the budget?
  - g. Is there community support for the solution?
3. Presentations can take many forms. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - a. PowerPoint
  - b. Prezi
  - c. Vimeo or other movie making program/app
  - d. Website
4. Are you ready to go out and solve the issue? Think of the steps you listed above and what you are able to safely do now and what might have to wait until we are not socially and physically distancing.
5. Put your plan into action!