

## Inspiration for Student Use

### What is Inspiration?

- Inspiration is a tool to help develop and organize ideas. These could be random thoughts, or an organized construction of ideas that tie together in a particular order.
- The result of this process is also useful as a formative evaluation mechanism for teachers and students in the early stages of a project.

### Rapid Fire Brainstorming

1. Enter the main idea for your brainstorm (i.e. Leaders/Heroes, Medieval Topics, etc.)
2. Choose "RapidFire" from the pictorial menu bar.
3. Start entering ideas, press ENTER after each idea.
4. To create ideas off of secondary branches, click on that branch first, then choose "RapidFire" again.

### Arrange Your Diagram

- Choose "Arrange" from the pictorial menu bar. Choose one of the patterns.
- You may also drag symbols individually, or move a group by first putting a box around a group of symbols.

### Switching to Outline View

- Choose "Outline" from the pictorial menu bar.

### Other Basic Functions

- Spell Check - Choose "Spell" from the pictorial menu bar.
- Color your symbols - select a symbol or a group of symbols, click on the "Fill Color" or "Line Color" symbols in the Drawing Tools at the bottom.
- Replace symbol shapes with library pictures - select your symbol, then click on a replacement picture from the library.
- Scale - Size your diagram by selecting a percentage from the lower left-hand corner. "Fit to Window" will automatically shrink your web to fit on the screen
- Help Screens

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## Organized Constructs

We will look at the following examples to determine which may become useful as a starting point for constructive thinking for your students.

### Analysis Diagrams

- Compare and Contrast
- Venn Diagram
- Concept Map

### Process Diagrams

- Lab Report
- Scientific Method
- Storyboard for Multimedia Presentation

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