# **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

# **Organized Constructs**

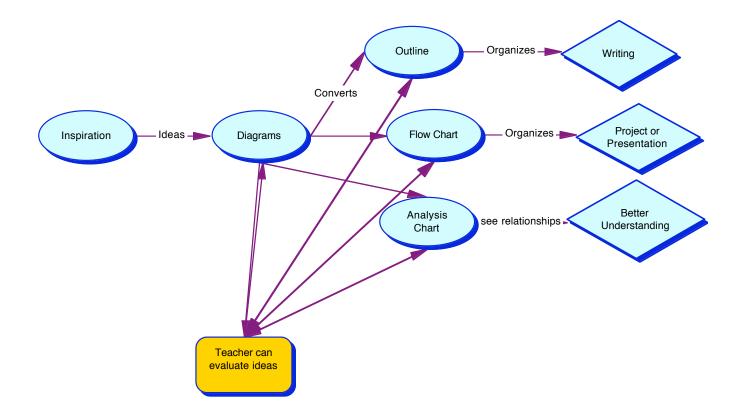
We will look at the following examples to determine which may become useful as a starting point for constructive thinking for your students.

### **Analysis Diagrams**

- Compare and Contrast
- Venn Diagram
- Concept Map

### **Process Diagrams**

- Lab Report
- Scientific Method
- Storyboard for Multimedia Presentation



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