

Inspiration

Introduction

Using the tool “Inspiration”, you will create a concept map a lesson plan. Inspiration is a tool to help you visualize your ideas or concepts in the form of a diagram. It also provides an integrated outlining environment for you to develop your ideas into organized written documents.

Objectives

At the end of the two hour course, the learner will be able to:

1. create a simple concept map (diagram).
2. use the tool bar.
3. move symbols.
4. link symbols.
5. change shapes of symbols.
6. connect ideas.
7. add notes to symbols.
8. switch between outline and diagram views.
9. utilize a concept map created during class time to assist in the development of a lesson plan.
10. explain the purpose of a concept map

What is Concept Mapping?

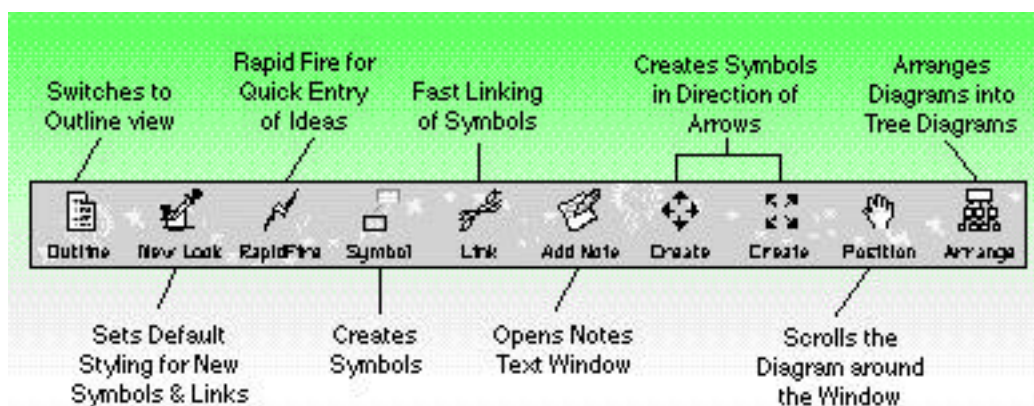
- Graphic representation of ideas
- A means to structure ideas by showing their relationships
- A brainstorming tool
- A planning tool

Create a Concept Map

What We'll Do

- Create a concept map for your lesson plan.
- Learn how to use the tool bars.
- Add supporting elements and formatting to your concept map; begin adding some details to your lesson plan.
- Share what you've created and demonstrate your mastery of the first six objectives to a peer.

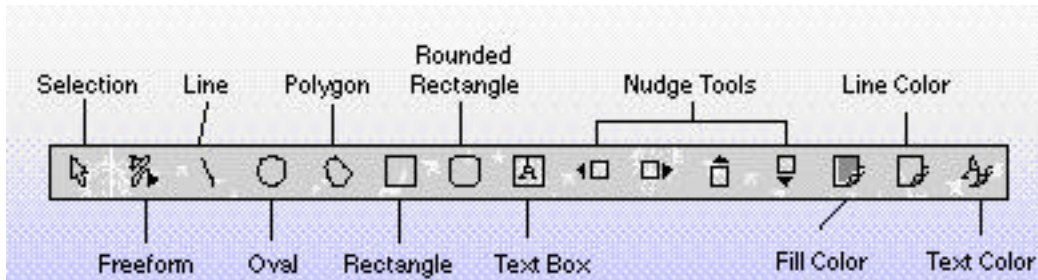
Start Using Inspiration



Open Inspiration Folder

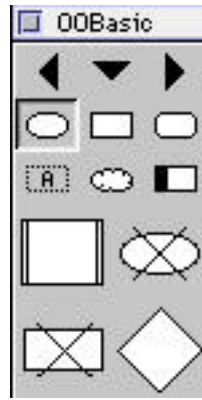
- Double click on the Inspiration icon.
- Look at the chart on the previous page to identify the various functions of the tools on the Diagram Toolbar
- Double Click on the words “Main Idea” in center of screen. Your Cursor turns into an “I” beam.
- Highlight the words “Main Idea.”
- Type in the main idea/title of your Lesson plan.
- Click on the Rapid Fire button. Notice a red lightning bolt has appeared after the word you just typed.
- Type the word “Introduction”, which is the first subtopic, and hit return. Notice that a new oval appears with your subtopic in the center.
- Continue typing subtopics from your lesson plan and hit the return button after each subtopic until you’ve entered each subtopic.
- Next, click on the “Outline Button” and click at the end of your first topic.
- Click on the “Add Sub” button.
- Notice the letter “A” appears under your topic.
- Type in a brief description of the topic.
- Click on the “Diagram Button” again and notice that your subtopic is not attached to the original topic
- Click “Outline Button” again and click after the second topic and add another sub topic
- Continue until you’ve addressed each topic

Use of Bottom Tool Bar



- Click on the selection tool.
- Reposition “Main Idea” by clicking and dragging in one direction.
- Click on the “Freeform Line Tool.”
- In a blank area of the screen, hold the mouse button down and create a simple drawing.
- Click on the “Line Tool”
- Create a line by clicking and dragging
- Advanced tip: Constrain your lines to horizontal or vertical by holding down the shift key while you drag.
- Select “Oval, Polygon, Rectangle or Rounded Rectangle” tool. Experiment creating shapes with various tools
- Select “Text Box” tool
- Click and drag to your right to form a box over three sections of grid lines
- Type the words “This is a text box”
- While the box is still selected, go to the menu bar and click on “Format” and select size 36 pts - notice the text has now changed from 9 pts to 36 pts
- Click on “Main Idea” box to select it
- Click on “Nudge Left” box , Click on the other “Nudge” tools
- Click on “Fill Color Box” and select a color
- Click on “Line Color Box” and select a color
- Click on “Text Color Box” and select a color

- Click on your main idea then click on a shape from the Symbol palette to change the shape and design
- Click on the center arrow key to show libraries



Peer Review

- Review the following six skills/objectives with a classmate:
 - move symbols.
 - link symbols.
 - change shapes of symbols.
 - connect ideas.
 - add notes to symbols.
 - switch between outline and diagram views.
- Spend the remainder of the session on the concept map for your Lesson plan.

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2. Click on the  link.

3. Click on the  link.

4. Select today's' class and site from the pull-down menus

	Class = Inspiration
	Site = _____

5. Respond to each question by clicking on the radio button that best describes your feelings.
6. For questions #11-13, type your response in the text boxes below each question.

7. Click only one time on the  button.