



# Inspiration 8 for Beginners

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# What is Inspiration?

- In Inspiration students think and learn visually.
- Inspiration allows you to create a picture of ideas and concepts in the form of a diagram or mind map.
- Inspiration stimulates both visual and linear thinking to deepen understanding of concepts.



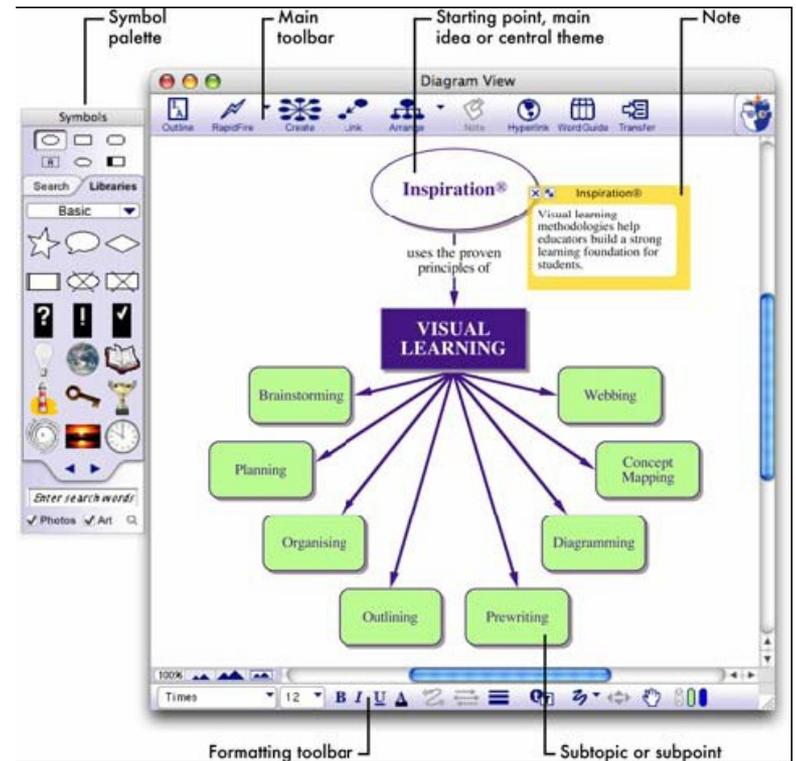
# Layout of Inspiration

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- Inspiration has three views:
  - diagram view
  - map view
  - outline view

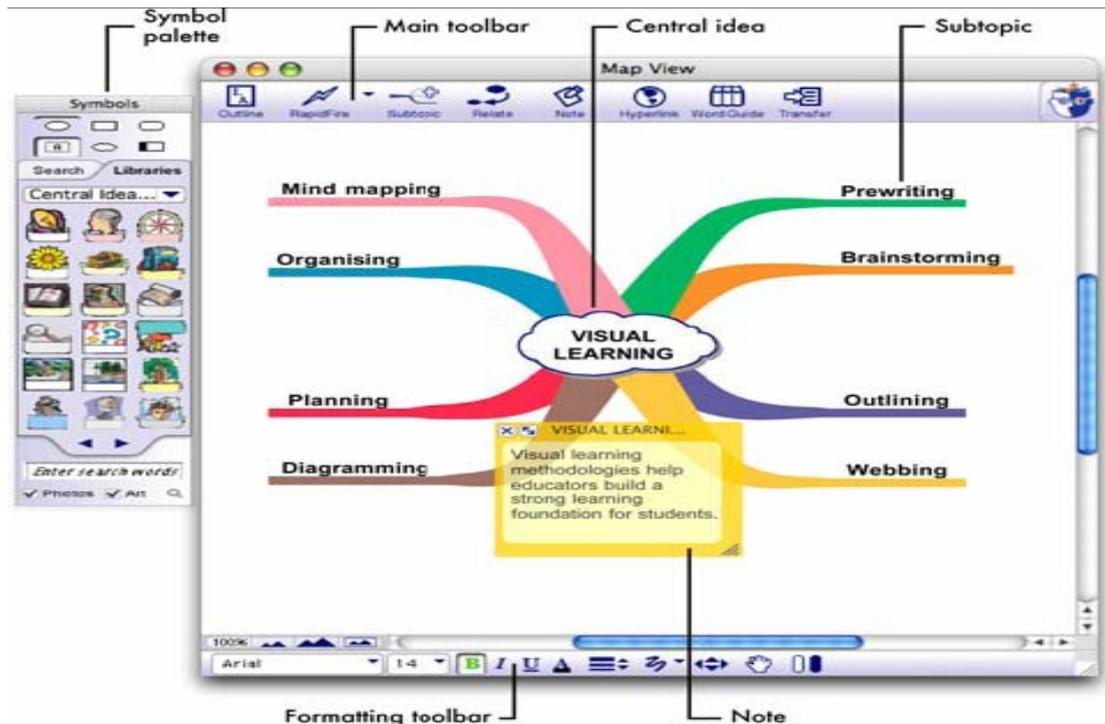
# Diagram View

- Diagram View is used to create a diagram that shows the relationship between ideas and concepts.



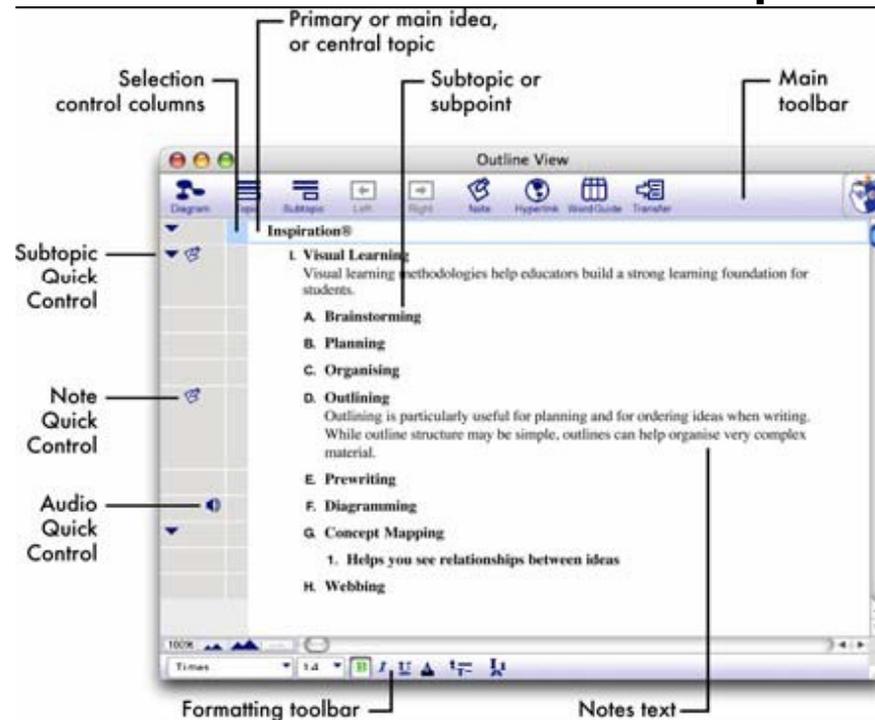
# Map View

- Map View is used to create a mind map, building branches of associated topics around a central idea



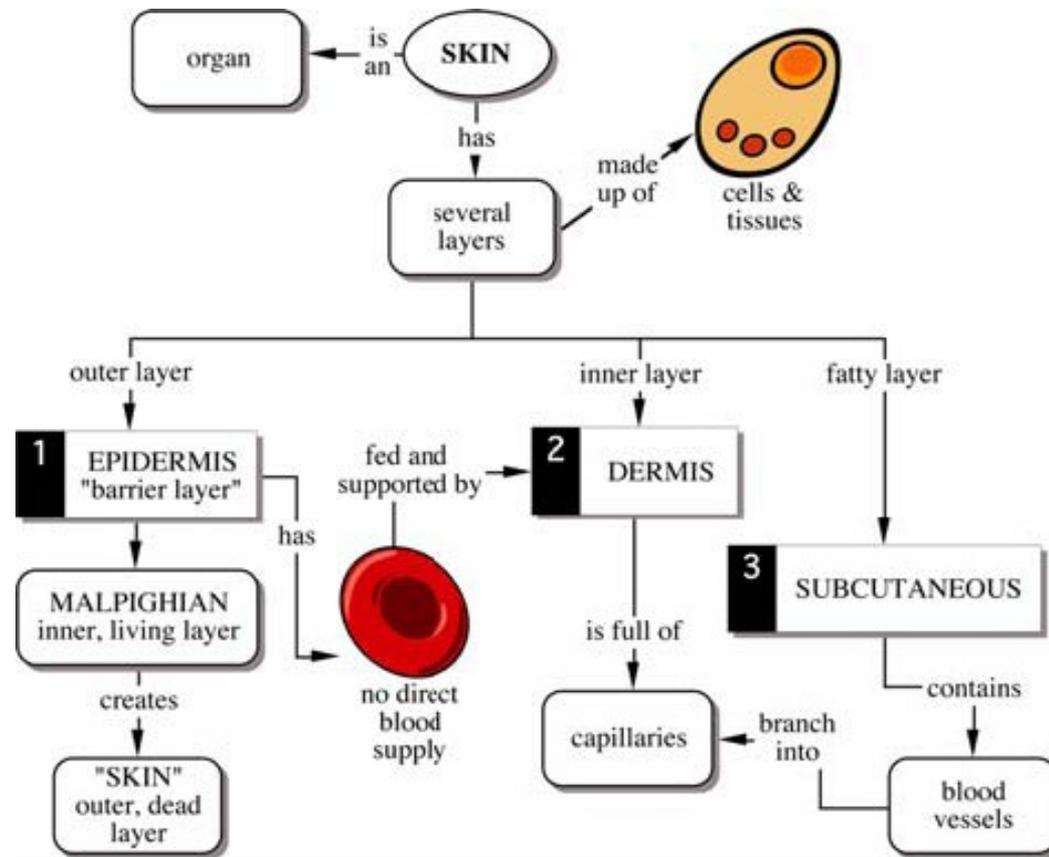
# Outline View

- Outline View can be used to create an outline of your ideas or to organise and write a report.



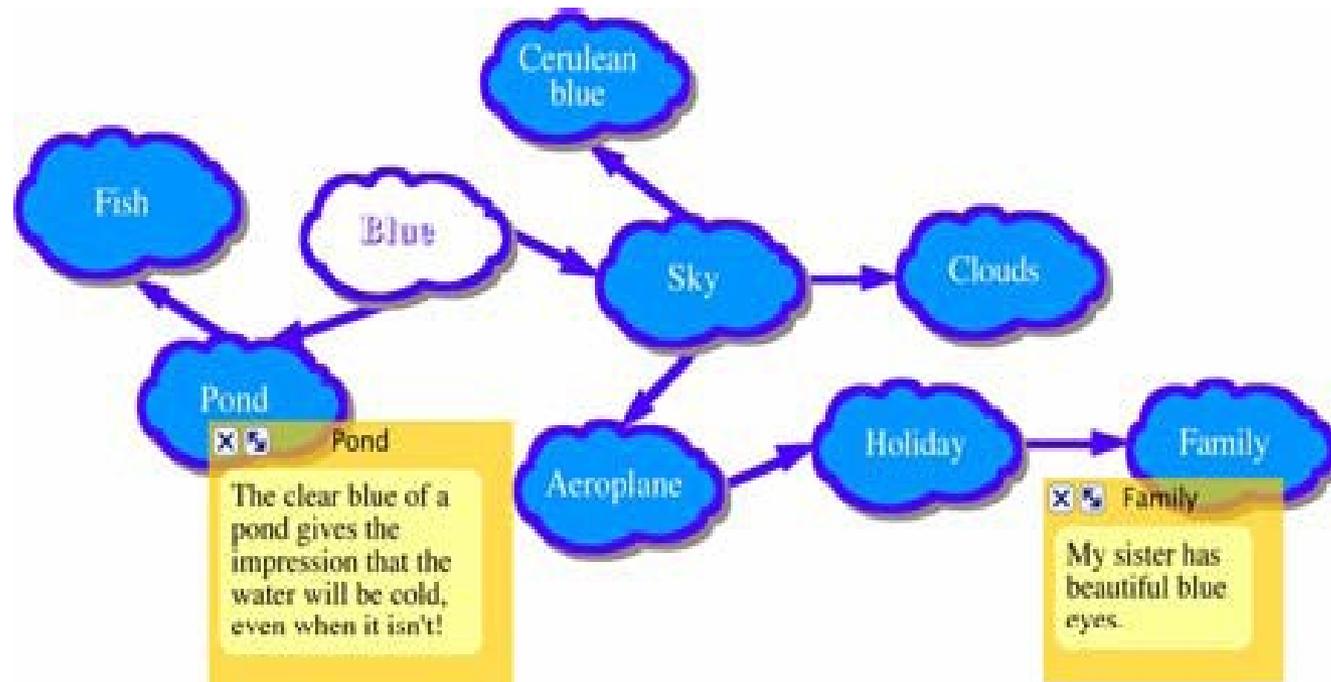
# Using Inspiration to create graphic organisers

## ○ Concept Maps



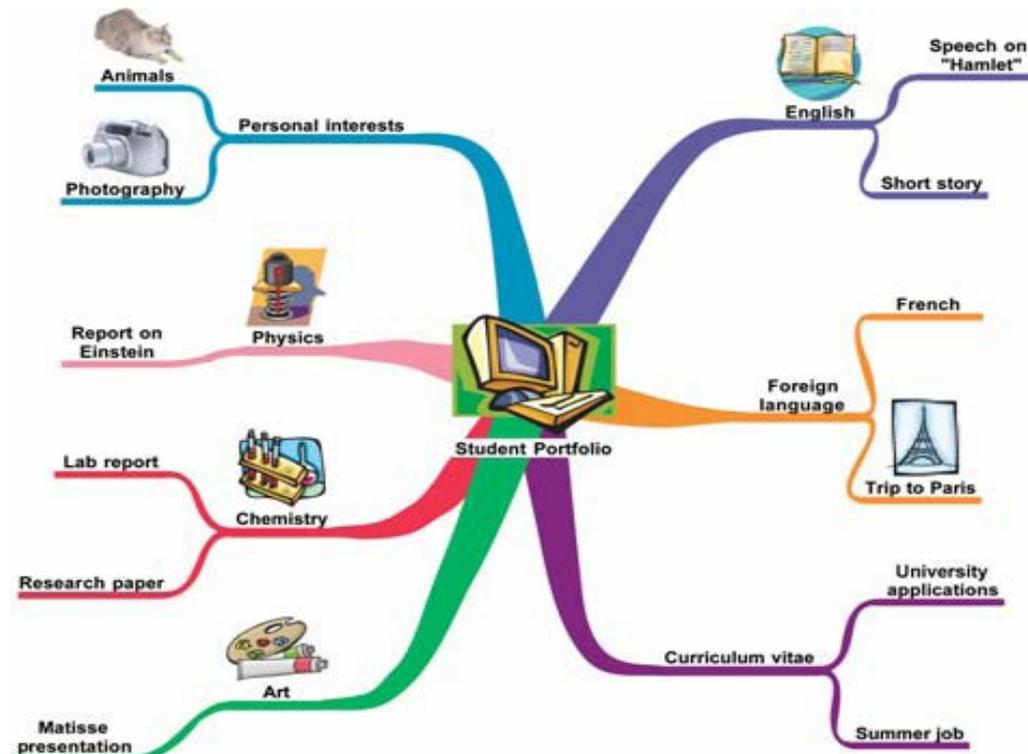
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- Idea Maps can be used to brainstorm ideas



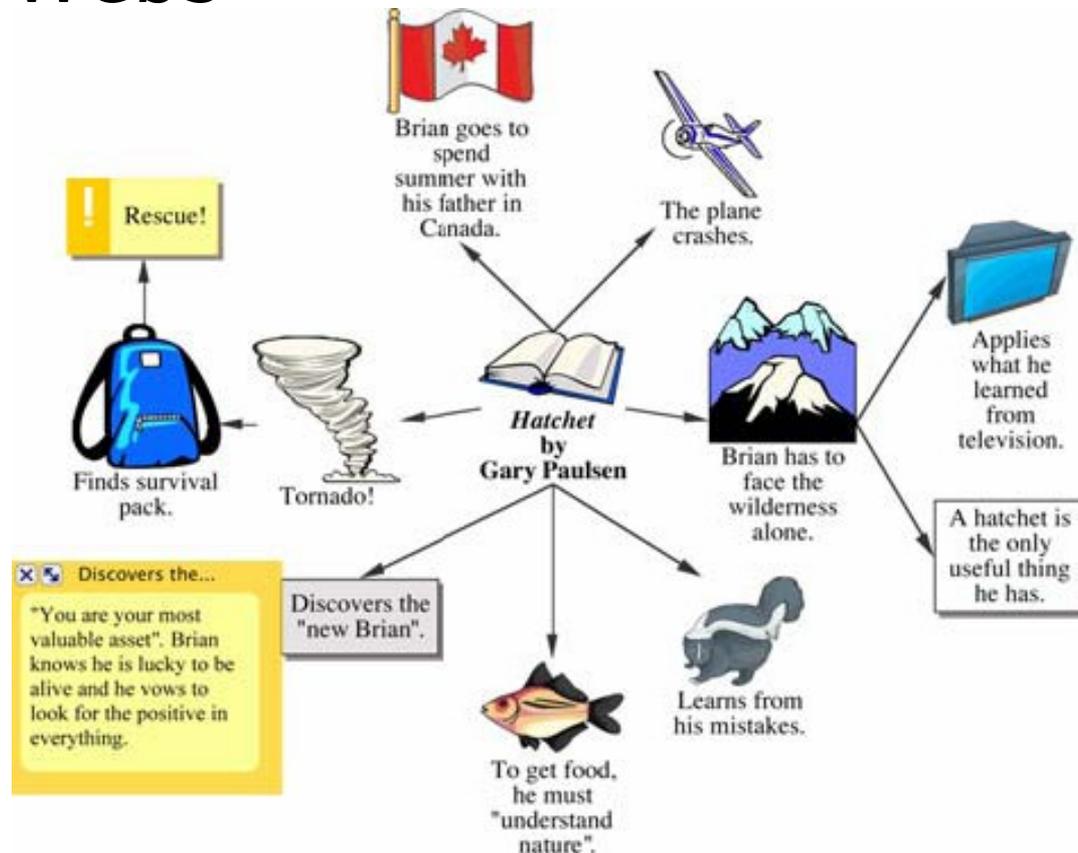
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## ○ Mind Maps



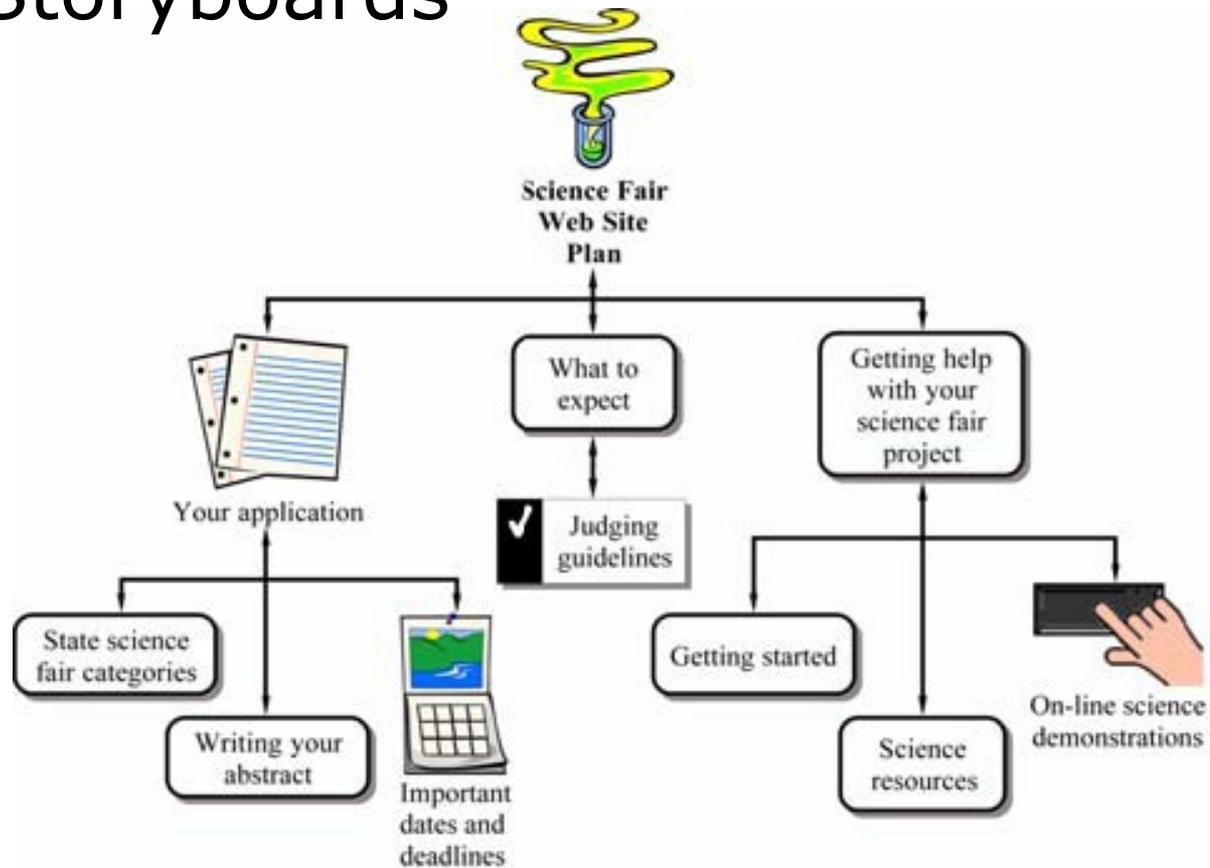
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## ○ Idea Webs



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## ○ Storyboards



# How to use Inspiration?

- Click the Start button, point to Programs, then click Inspiration 8 IE.
- To start a new diagram follow the diagram below

To start a new diagram, click Create a diagram button.



# How to use Inspiration?

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- In the middle of the page there will be a “Main Idea” symbol.
- The *Main Idea* symbol provides a starting point for your work. It's easy to get started—just type!
- Then to add ideas quickly use the  “Rapid Fire” tool by typing ideas and hitting the enter button after each idea.

# How do I use Inspiration?

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- To add an idea which is not linked to the **Main Idea** click on a blank space in the document and type. Your new unlinked idea will appear.
- To add graphics to your document bring up the symbol palette by pressing CTRL + 8.
- To change an Idea bubble to a pictorial bubble select the bubble with the mouse then click on a symbol in the symbol palette.

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- To link ideas click on one idea bubble and then click the link icon and then the second bubble.
- This process will link both bubbles.



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# Creating a Mindmap using Inspiration

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- Inspiration's Mindmap environment allows you to create a Mindmap.
- Many of the same features found in Diagram View are available when creating a mind map.

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To start a new mind map, click the Create a mind map button.



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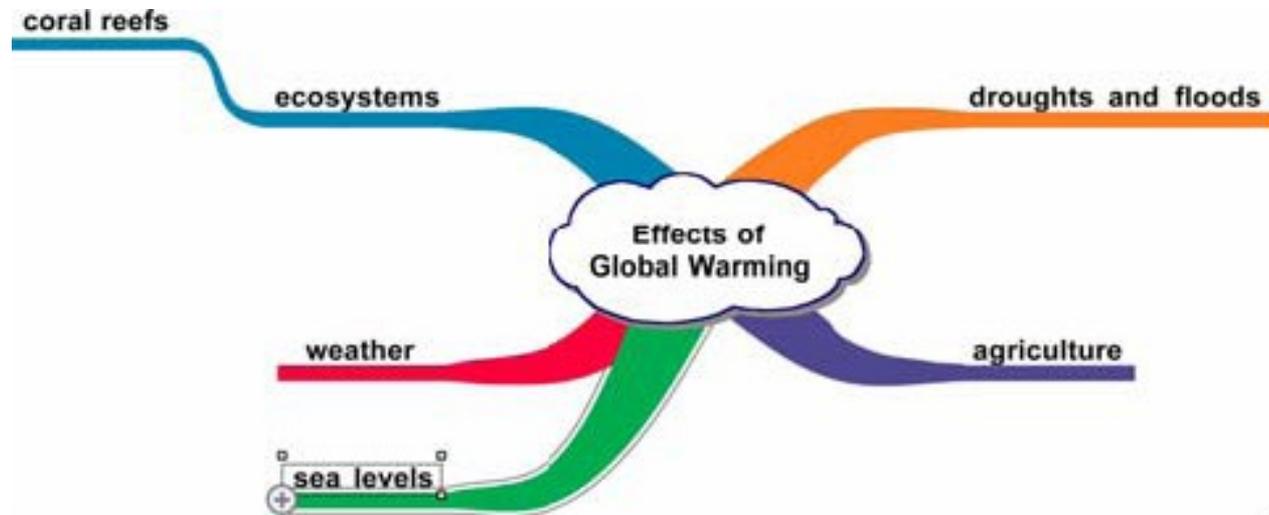
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- The *Central Idea* symbol provides a starting point for your work.
- Enter an idea to get started.
- Then add the **branch text**
- Now you're ready to add topics that expand or explain your main idea.
- To add topics click on the + symbol and type your ideas.

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- To arrange the branches in a different areas around the map just click and drag them to a different place on the map.



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# Other resources

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## **Training videos**

1. On the Inspiration Starter, click Learn to Use.
2. Double-click Training Videos to see the list of available videos.
3. Select a video title in the list, then click Open.

# Other Resources

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## **Online Help**

- The Inspiration Help system contains detailed information about how to use *Inspiration*, including special features, tools and commands.
- To open the Help file, choose Inspiration Help on the Help menu. If the Help system is not available, you must install it using the Inspiration CD-ROM.

## **Inspiration User's Manual**

The *Inspiration User's Manual* contains all the information in the Help system.



# References

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- Inspiration 8 *Getting Started*. © 2006 Inspiration Software, Inc