

Week 3: Information Literacy & Writing Across the Curriculum

With the rising use of the Internet in student papers and research projects, students need to be taught how to think critically about their sources. In addition, an information literacy process in your classroom will assist students in applying higher order thinking skills to your content area.

Objectives

-  Participants will design developmentally appropriate learning opportunities that apply technology-enhanced instructional strategies such as project based learning, information literacy skills, problem based learning, and cooperative learning to support the diverse needs of learners.
-  Participants will identify and locate technology resources and evaluate them for accuracy and suitability.
-  Participants will apply technology to develop students' higher order skills and creativity.

Suggested Schedule

-  **Sunday - Monday Examine** (approx. 60 min.)
-  **Tuesday-Friday Discuss** (login in daily for half an hour, 2 hours total)
-  **Tuesday Explore** (approx. 45 min.)
-  **Wednesday-Thursday Implement** (approx. 1-2 hours)
-  **Thursday Manage** (approx. 15 min.)
-  **Friday Ethics** (approx. 30 min.)
-  **Weekend** Catch up on work if necessary.

Weekly Laugh: Signs with Unintended Messages

Outside a country shop in West Virginia: "We buy junk and sell antiques."

In the window of an Oregon general store: "Why go elsewhere to be cheated, when you can come here?"

In a Kansas City oculist's office: "Broken lenses duplicated here"

On a Jacksonville, Florida bookstore: "Rare, out-of-print, and nonexistent books"

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Read at least **two** articles listed below.

We encourage you to bookmark and/or print articles and links that you enjoy in the class.

Graduate credit requirement: Read three of the articles each week and include information from the three articles in your initial Discuss post.

Copyright

 **Required!** [The Educator's Guide to Copyright and Fair Use](#) **A must read!** Print the handy chart to keep for reference.

Information Literacy

 [The Web -- Teaching Zack to Think](#) Is your school teaching students to access the Internet for research? Then it is essential that students also learn how to validate the information.

 [Questions as Technology](#) The most important technology of all is the ability of students to make meaning by applying sharply honed questioning skills.

 [Off Road Thinking: Looking for Great Surprises](#) This article explores the important role surprise can play in the discovery and invention of new ideas - a student capacity now being emphasized by most state curriculum standards and a workforce capability much desired by employers.

 [Research Foundations of The Big6! Skills](#) The Big6 is based on a rich foundation of research into how humans find and process information (information literacy), and this research basis has led to the development of similar and complementary approaches that create a more complete picture of ways people solve information problems.

 Two foundational articles:

- [Information Literary](#)
- [Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning](#)

 [Plagiarism](#) It is when students are young that we need to begin educating them about responsible use of any product as that is the time the problem of plagiarism begins.

 [The New Plagiarism](#) Sometimes you need to change your requirements and assessment practices to combat plagiarism.

Writing

 [6+1 Trait TM Writing Research](#) How does writing impact achievement? Read at least one of the studies listed here.

 [Introduction to Blogs and Blogging](#) This term from cyberspace carries an air of mystery sprinkled with a dash of high tech. Blog is a shorthand term for a Web log or Internet journal. A blog is high tech and futuristic and may get students interested in writing. See also [All the World's a Stage](#).



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In the discussion area,

After reviewing the articles under [Examine](#), go to the Discussion Board and locate the **Week 3: Discuss** response forum. Then answer two of these questions in one message.

- How did you teach information literacy before the Internet? How do/can you teach it now? What has changed? How can/should this impact your classroom?
- How can teaching information literacy skills reduce plagiarism in your classroom?
- Why should we teach information literacy skills? Share an experience to illustrate your point.

Remember to reference the two articles you read in your message (3 if you're taking the class for graduate credit). Please respond to the articles (not a summary) with a heading for each, and then answer each question with a heading. Put this initial response in one message.

Respond to at least one other person's message. We're looking for a quality conversation here - more than a simple 'I agree'. These may give you a place to start:

- Did the post-er present an idea that is new to you?
- That you were surprised at?
- Do you see the same thing (or something completely different) happening in your classroom?
- Were you confused by their idea(s)?
- Was there anything you disagree with? Share your perspective.

Scoring Checklist

Response to the readings & introduction	15 pts.
Response to someone's posting	10 pts.
Total possible points for this week's Discuss	25 pts.



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[Sample Lessons & Links](#) | [Evaluation](#) | [Research Tools](#) | [Research Planning](#)
[Content Writing](#) | [Write about Reading](#) | [Writing Instruction](#)

Sample Lessons & Links

 [How Stuff Works](#) Bookmark this site for the next time a student asks one of those 'why does it' questions!

 For high school students, use a cooperative learning strategy called [Reiterative Problem Based Learning](#). Use the Internet as one of the resources for investigation.

 Adaptable for all grade levels [Create an Alphabet Book](#).

 Grade K-2 [Here a Bug, There a Bug](#).

 Grades 4-6 [Predicting the Weather](#).

 Grades 5-8 [Be a TentMaker](#) (models the integration of faith and learning).

 Grade 7 [Economic Botany: Plants - Where in the World?](#).

 Grades 9-12 Social Studies: [The Gilded Age](#).

 [Lots of WebQuests](#) for all grade levels. Check out the Top link to find the best ones.

Evaluation of Information

 [ABCDs of Evaluating Internet Resources](#) Web pages should be evaluated carefully using some of the same criteria one uses to evaluate a print source. Be aware, however, that Web pages present additional evaluation challenges.

 [Aluminum Foil Deflector Beanie](#) Are you a victim of mind control? Try this Deflector Beanie technology.

 [Better Read That Again: Web Hoaxes and Misinformation](#) James, an eighth grader at Bellair Middle School, was working at home on a paper due the next day. The paper was for the Martin Luther King Day Essay Contest.

His teacher had emphasized coming up with something original.

 [California's Velcro Crop](#) How is velcro made?

 [Dihydrogen Monoxide Research Division](#) Hmm. Is this true? Do you know what Dihydrogen Monoxide is? Ask your chemistry teacher!

 [Grammar of the Internet](#) Who published the site? Who links to it? What does this tell us about its validity?

 [Mankato, MN](#). Want to visit? Scroll to the very bottom and read the disclaimer.

 [Media Literacy](#) Thinking critically about the world around us.

 [U.S. DOE Computer Incident Advisory Capability \(CIAC\) Hoaxbusters](#)

 [WEB LITERACY and Critical Thinking: Is it a Hoax?](#) A collection of links to sites that are hoaxes. How can you use these to teach students to verify Internet information?

Research Tools

 [Citing Internet Resources](#) How to cite websites, email, and more.

 [EasyBib](#) An online citation tool.

 [Noodle Tools](#) is a suite of interactive tools designed to aid students and professionals with their online research. From selecting a search engine and finding some relevant sources, to citing those sources in MLA or APA style, NoodleTools makes online research easier!

 [Scholastic Research Starters](#) Includes definitions, an introduction, links, articles, and recommended research topics.

 [The New Plagiarism: Seven Antidotes to Prevent Highway Robbery in an Electronic Age](#) Note especially antidote #6.

 [Web Literacy and Critical Thinking: A Teacher's Tool Kit](#) This practical guide offers classroom activities and exercises that train your students to be discerning consumers of information on the Internet.

Research Planning

If students are research separate topics, you will need to carefully plan and create a definite structure for their research. Don't let students loose on the Internet to wander at will. They will drift to their favorite sports pages, or worse, to inappropriate sites. There are ways to structure the assignment that can lessen this possibility.

 Think carefully about the topic assigned or chosen for the research paper or project. Consider fact finding vs. critical thinking/synthesis. Topics that require higher levels of thinking will reduce plagiarism. Consider these objective verbs for your assignments: compare, contrast, categorize, criticize, diagram, organize, predict, improve, propose, formulate, select, decide, recommend, rate, validate, and justify.

 Have students question. Rather than gathering all information regarding the subject, form key questions so that only pertinent information is retained. Questions should focus on big issues; begin with why...? and how...? and should...?

 Consider creating [Essential Questions](#).

 [The Question is the Answer](#). What questions do you encourage your students to ask?

 Before searching, generate keywords. Use [Inspiration](#) or other tool to identify keywords related to your topic. Have students come up with 20-30 keywords before touching a computer.

 Require other sources. Have students list books, magazines, journals, and other sources they can use before going to the library. Assign a certain number of sources from the Internet, and a certain number from print materials.

 Use a [research planner](#) to guide students planning. Require it just as you require notecards for papers. Require the sheet be completed before students go to the lab or library.

Content Writing Ideas

 Adapt a cooperative learning strategy to use technology:

[Roundtable](#). Technology Example: Have students write on an AlphaSmart or similar device and then pass on to the next person in the group/class. View a [lesson plan](#) using this idea.

[KQLA](#) or [Modified KQLA](#). Technology Example: Students work in small groups (3 or 4) and complete the worksheet/information in a word processor or [Inspiration](#), the brainstorming tool.

 [Resources for Writing in the Sciences](#)

 [Writing Across the Curriculum: Writing Prompts Arranged by Department](#)

 [Creating Writing Prompts](#) Tips, narrative, expository, and persuasive examples.

-  [Writing Activities and Prompts](#) for various content areas.
-  [Multigenre Web](#) Many types of writing to integrate in your content area.
-  Use graphic organizer templates to help students understand a topic or start a report. [5 Kingdoms template](#) and [5 Kingdoms project completed](#).
-  [Flat Stanley](#) Paper dolls (Flat Stanleys) and blank journals are exchanged with other classes, families, or celebrities. His adventures in the visiting city are recorded and sent back to you with photographs & souvenirs.
-  [Inspiration templates](#) Using graphic organizers in all curriculum areas K-12.
-  [Types of Journals](#) to use in all content areas.
-  [ePals](#) Locate a classroom in another town, state, or country to exchange email between your class and theirs.



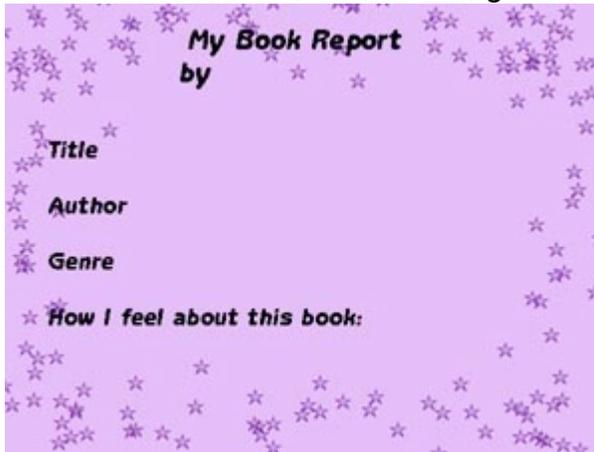
Math

-  [A Guide to Writing in Mathematics](#)
-  [Math Journal Ideas](#)
-  [Why Students Should Write in Math Class](#) plus writing prompts for K-12 math classes.

Write about your Reading

-  [Weekly Reader](#) Writing, games, reading. Extensions of the Weekly Reader magazine  but you don't have to subscribe to use this site.
-  Insert digital pictures of each student into your word processor. Students can edit their pictures using [ImageBlender](#) to make themselves into a story character. Add written characteristics of their character.
-  Once a month, have kids write book reviews about several favorite books. Vote on the class favorites & send the top 3 stories & reviews to the class website.
-  Create a story map using [Inspiration](#). pictures or words to sequence the story in pre-drawn rectangles connected by arrows.
-  Create a Venn Diagram and compare 2 stories or characters.

 Create a book report template in a word processing program. When students have finished a story, they call up the template & enter their information  name, title, author, genre, & their feelings about the story.



My Book Report
by

Title

Author

Genre

How I feel about this book:



REVIEWS BY... ME!

My Name _____

Date _____

Review Title _____

Description & Review _____

Conclusion _____

Media Type:

Film / Video / TV

Print

CD / DVD

Radio

Video Game

General Rating:

Excellent

Fair

Poor

Yucky!   Yay!

 Assign students to retell the main ideas of a story using a slide show. Limit the number of slides they may have and require pre-planning of their slides.

 Reading response ideas:

- create a 4-slide show showing the title and author, beginning, middle, and end,
- or create a 5 -slide show showing the title & author, characters, setting, problem, and solution
- or create a retelling of the story with a new ending, or a new setting, or new characters.
- or retell with the characters and word balloons (use circle tool and lines)

 Create reading responses: using rectangles and lines, kids can&

- sequence story events by creating a flow chart,
- or create a grid to compare several stories
- or circles to create a Venn diagram for story/character comparisons

or use lines to create sections for a newspaper format. Groups can write articles about the stories they are reading.
or do a character study by drawing the character and writing several characteristics.
or drawing and labeling/recording your favorite part of the story.
or creating a new cover for the book.

Writing Instruction

 [Acrostics for Children](#) Lots of examples here for children Grade 2+

 One student can start a story by entering text on an AlphaSmart, then pass it to a 2nd student who continues, etc. Or do the same on computers in the lab. Every 10 minutes, students can shift to the next computer to continue a new story.

 Use Slideshows to publish student stories. This will take some thought on their part as to how to divide their story into pages. Another great way to show off at Conferences or Curriculum Nights. Print out individual pages for their portfolios (SlideShows don't print)!

WACKY WEB TALES®

 [Wacky Tales](#) Type in parts of speech to finish a story (like Mad Libs) See also [Wacky Web Tales](#) from Houghton Mifflin.

 Enhance the use of descriptive words. Assign students to create a picture with a stamp or import a clip art picture. Then students write a description of the image.

 Add "[Snap](#)" to language arts with this Kodak lesson plan! See [other Kodak lesson plans](#) here.

 After a vacation, kids can choose a graphic, draw and write or record what they did. Assemble as a SlideShow.

 [Writing Prompts](#) Use these whenever the creative juices stop flowing!



 If your students are writing in Word, try this little trick! Turn on the Readability stats. From the menu, choose Tools, Options, Spelling & Grammar, Show Readability Stats. Then run the spell check. Notice the stats included in the report. Encourage students to aim for a certain score with their writing.

 [Digital Storytelling](#). Students create a movie with their written work.



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The **Implement** tasks should take about an hour or two of your time. Often, you could spend longer on the task, but we encourage you to budget your time and focus on what is most useful for your own learning.



Pick one of the project options. Many include further instructions, so be sure to click on the link for that assignment. Then post your assignment in the **Discussion Board** and give feedback to at least one colleague.

The Big6™ Skills

In the Implement project this week, you will choose an option that meets one or more of the Big6 Skills. So start by reading a quick overview of the [Big6™ Skills](#) if you are unfamiliar with them.

 1. Create a [research planning worksheet](#) for your students to use for a unit that you teach.

Big6™ Skill #1. Task Definition: 1.2 Identify information needed in order to complete the task (to solve the information problem).

Big6™ Skill 2. Information Seeking Strategies: 2.1 Determine the range of possible sources (brainstorm).

 2. [Find and evaluate five websites](#) that match a unit that you teach.

Big6™ Skill 2. Information Seeking Strategies: 2.2 Evaluate the different possible sources to determine priorities (select the best sources).

 3. Create a [Filamentality Hotlist or Treasure Hunt](#) to assist student research.

Big6™ Skill 5. Synthesis: 5.1 Organize information from multiple sources.

 4. Add [pictures from the Internet](#) to a writing project. Create a bibliographic entry for the images used. (Don't just assume you know what is required for this project. Be sure to [read the instructions!!](#))

Big6™ Skill 5. Synthesis: 5.2 Present information from multiple sources.

 5. Use [Inspiration, a brainstorming tool](#), during the writing process. If you don't have Inspiration, you can download a 30-day trial version to do this project.

Big6™ Skill #1. Task Definition: 1.1 Define the information needed. 1.2 Identify information needed in order to complete the task (to solve the

information problem).

Big6™ Skill 5. Synthesis: 5.1 Organize information from multiple sources.

 6. Already know how to do the above? Use directions from a Word Newsletter workshop to [create a newsletter](#), preferably a classroom newsletter with student writing. Even if you're a Word pro, you just might learn something new here!

Final Project

It's time to start thinking about your final project. Click Course Information, Final Project to read about the requirements. You are encouraged to incorporate Implement projects from the next few weeks into your final project. Everyone, at each participation level, is expected to complete a final project in this class. The final project is due in week eight.

Scoring Checklist for Implement

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Two Examples

Begin by examining these two examples for ideas.



 [Big6 Research Organizer](#)

 [Research Planner](#)

Create a Research Planner

Now, adapt these ideas and what you've learned from [Examine](#) and [Explore](#) this week to create a research planner or worksheet for a unit that you teach. Create the worksheet in your wordprocessor. Remember to include a place for students to write their name and research topic. Include credit for the ideas in the footer of the page.

Example for Students

Then fill out your research planner for a unit that you teach or a research project you have students complete. Create a completed example for your students.

Save as....

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Post Project

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Response to Other Projects

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- *I particularly liked . . .*
- *You might want to look at these resources . . .*

- *Did you think about . . .*
- *I wondered about . . .*
- *I've been successful with similar activities when . . .*



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Implement Option 2: Find and evaluate five websites that match a unit that you teach.

Evaluation Criteria

Choose five criteria from the following sites for your evaluation.

 [Evaluation Criteria and Biblical Principles](#)

 [The A B C Ds of Evaluating Internet Resources](#)

 Analyze the [site's web address](#). What does it tell you?

 Who is the [owner of the website](#)? What are the implications?

 Who [links to the web site](#)?

Find Five Sites

Use the [Four Ways to Search the Internet](#) to find five websites on a topic you teach.

Write it Up!

Use your favorite word processor to write up your evaluation. List the five criteria you chose and why. For each website, include the URL or web address, the title of the site, and how it meets your evaluation criteria.

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Implement Option 3: Create a Filamentality Hotlist to organize information for a student project. **Include at least 10 links in your project.**

Filamentality

helping you add your Filament to the web of learning

[Filamentality](#) is a fill-in-the-blank tool that guides you through picking a topic, searching the Web, gathering good Internet links, and turning them into learning activities. It combines the "filament" of the Web with a learner's "mentality".

Start a New Topic

-  Choose the 'Start a new topic' option from the home page to begin your activity.
-  Fill in the blanks.
-  Click on Spin this Thing!



-  Print the page so you remember the password.

Add Links

-  Click on Add Links at the bottom of the page.

Add Links Edit Links Hotlist Scrapbook Hunt Sampler WebQuest

-  Then use two browser windows & copy and paste to get the URLs (web addresses). Also write titles and descriptions.
-  First, open a new window to find your pages. File, New, Window.
-  Then find a website. (You may use a search engine, or you may have it already bookmarked.)
-  Then copy the web address:

- drag across the "location" line to highlight the URL, then...
- do an Edit - Copy on the menu bar
- then switch back to your Filamentality browser window (task bar or Window on the menu)

- Then click the cursor into the URL box and do a paste ("Edit - Paste" from the menu bar).
- Repeat this for as many URLs/Web sites as you like. If you want more than three, click on Add Links at the bottom of the screen.

Saving

 Click on Hotlist to save your work. Note that the only time your work is saved is when you click on the menu at the bottom of the screen.

Add Links Edit Links Hotlist Scrapbook Hunt Sampler WebQuest

Customizing

 Now the customization page comes up. Here you can edit the title and introductory paragraph of your project. Edit at needed. You probably don't need to change much here - although you may want to organize your sites into categories.

Post on the Web

 To finalize your project and post it on the web, click on Hotlist at the bottom again!

Add Links Edit Links Hotlist Scrapbook Hunt Sampler WebQuest

 Now you'll be given the web address of your project. You should print this page as well or write down the web address (or add it to your favorites!). You'll need this address to share your project with the class.

Filamentality's Posting Policy

You have spent quite a bit of time collecting sites. It's important that you understand the posting policy for your project. Your project can stay on the web for 12 months, during that time if you make changes, you extend that time another 12 months. This can be a good way to incorporate your web project into units that you do each year.

Editing Your Project

 When you want to edit your project, visit the Filamentality page, and this time click on Return to Existing Topic.

Return to an Existing Topic

 Then scroll to the bottom. You can Add Links or Edit Links.

Post Project

When you are finished, post the URL to your project in the discussion area using [these instructions](#). **Make sure your project has at least 10 links in it.**

Response to Other Projects

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Implement Option 4: Add pictures from the Internet to a writing project. Create a bibliographic entry for the images used.

Choose a picture or collection of pictures online and use it to create a one page Word project as an example of what your students could create to enhance a unit you teach.

Begin by choosing a picture from one of these websites.

-  [Pics4Learning](#)
-  [Photographic Libraries: Archive Collection](#)
-  Art: [Treasures of The Louvre](#)
-  Literature: [American Literature Archive Gallery](#)
-  Math: [Gallery of Mathematical Images](#)
-  Science: [The Space Images Archive](#)
-  Social Studies: [Library of Congress American Memory Collections: Photos](#)

Then **consider what type of lesson** you could create or adapt. Pics4Learning has many [lesson plans](#) if you need an idea.

Now **create a one page sample** of a finished assignment you might have your students complete for a unit that you teach. Here are some ideas:

-  **Descriptive Words:** Add a picture from the Internet to your page. Describe it using lots of descriptive words.
-  **Story Starter:** Use the picture as a story starter. Write a story and illustrate it.
-  **Concept Summary:** Write a summary of a concept covered in class and illustrate with a picture from the Net.
-  Create a poster illustrating a concept.
-  Create a photo essay about an event or topic.
-  Do a photo analysis.
-  Create an illustrated graphic organizer such as a [KWL](#)

Write at least **one paragraph** to go with at least **one picture**.

Copying a picture from the Internet
Move your mouse over the picture.

On a Windows computer, click the

Fair Use Guidelines for Images

You may use:

- Up to 5 works from one

RIGHT mouse button
On a Mac, click and hold down the single mouse button.

A small menu will appear. Choose Copy Image.
Switch to your Wordprocessor and click Edit, Paste.

author.

- Up to 10% or 15 works, whichever is less, from a collection.

For more information in an easy to understand format, visit [Copyright Bay](#).

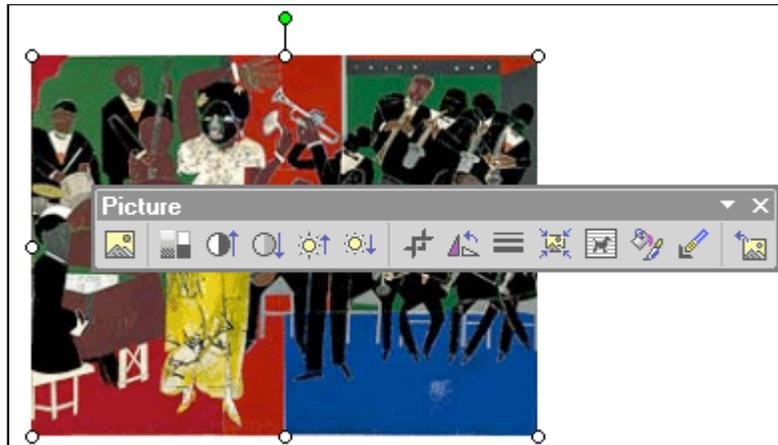
Word Picture Editing Tips

 Handles on the edge of the picture can be used to resize the picture.

Easy Rule to Remember: Two arrows resize; four arrows move.

Moving the picture is often annoying until you change the wrapping style.

With your picture selected, look for the picture toolbar. It might be at the top or bottom of your screen. If not, click View, Toolbars, and make sure that Drawing is checked.



 Click on the text wrap option. I usually choose Square or Tight. Play with the options (with lots of text on your page) to see how each one works.

Now click in the middle of the picture to drag it around. Notice how the text adjusts around it.

That's all you really need to do this project, but if you want more, check out these handouts:

-  [Creating a Card](#)
-  [Creating a Poster](#)
-  [Creating a Venn Diagram](#)

Required Bibliography

Be sure to include credits or a bibliography at the end of your document indicating the source of your picture(s).

[Pics4Learning](#) gives the bibliographic entry with the pictures. For example:

Page, Brian. kitten05.jpg. 1976. Pics4Learning. 23 Feb 2004

<http://pics.tech4learning.com>

Photographer (or source). Filename. Date of picture if known.
Collection Name. Download Date. <URL or web address>

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Make sure it has the required bibliographic entry.

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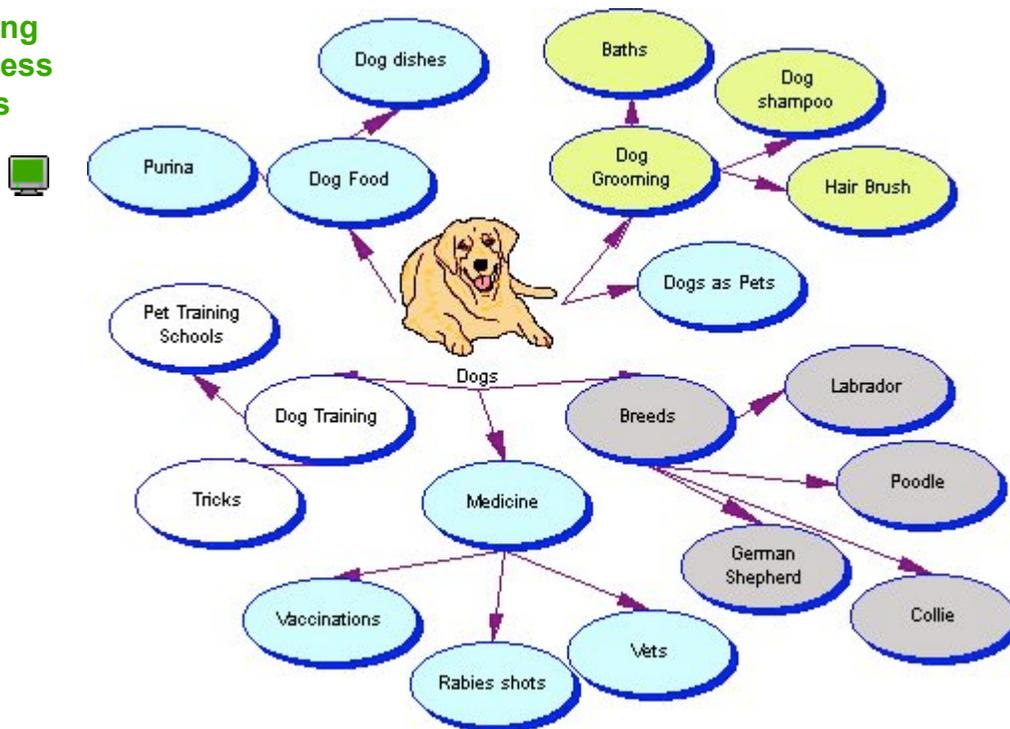
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Implement Option 5: Use Inspiration, a brainstorming tool, during the writing process. Enter 20-30 keywords using one of the Writing Process Ideas below as your guiding task.

(The intent of this exercise is NOT to teach you everything that Inspiration can do, just to give you a taste. If you want to learn more about it, view and print this handout for a 2 hour [Writing Workshop with Inspiration](#) workshop.)

Writing Process Ideas



Inspiration could be used to brainstorm at the beginning of the writing process. From the brainstorming map, students could click Outline to switch their mind map to an outline format. From there it could be exported to their favorite word processor to complete the writing assignment.

 Inspiration could also be used to plan our search of the Internet as shown in the examples. Students could create a web of 20-30 keywords to search on the Internet. This idea comes from [Flashes of Inspiration: Webbing the Web](#). It gives them a place to start when they sit down at the computer.

 Or students could use Inspiration to keep track of resources and references found as they research on the Internet and in the library.

 What other ideas do you have?

Installing Inspiration

[Visit Inspiration.com](http://www.inspiration.com) and download the trial version and install it on your computer. The trial version of Inspiration will work on your computer for 30 days. (If you teach K-3, you might want to download Kidspiration, the kids version.)

Starting Inspiration

When you start Inspiration, you're in Diagram view. The Main Idea symbol appears in the center of your screen, with the place holder text, Main Idea, already selected. All you do is type keywords.

Rapid Fire



Use RapidFire when you want to brainstorm, capturing your ideas quickly without worrying about their order. You add ideas right into the selected symbol, letting Inspiration create new symbols for your ideas.

- Select your Main Idea (or any other symbol).



-  Click the RapidFire button and the lightning bolt appears.
- Type a new idea and press Enter.
- Type another idea and press Enter.
- Click the RapidFire button to turn it off.

Editing Text

To fix any errors in symbols, double click the text in the symbol, then select the words you want to change and type over them.

Moving the symbols

Click and drag the symbol.

Click outside of the diagram to deselect the symbol.

Check Your Time!

If this has taken you a while to figure out, finish entering your 20-30 words and [jump down to saving the file](#). If you are doing ok and would like to spend more time with the software, keep reading.

Other ways to enter information:



Create

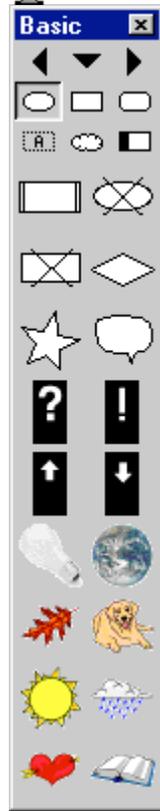
Use the Create button to quickly build your diagram.

- Select the symbol the new symbol will be connected to.
- Position the mouse pointer over the arrow on one of the Create buttons. Notice how the arrow is highlighted to show you the direction in which the

new idea symbol will be created.

- Click the arrow you wish.
- The new symbol connects to the selected symbol at the angle you chose.
- Type your information and try another one.

Adding Unconnected Symbols



Drag symbols over

- Find a symbol on the Symbol Palette that you like.
- Click on it and drag it over to your diagram.
- Type your information and try another one.

Point and Type

- Choose a symbol from the Symbol Palette.
- Click in the open area on your diagram where you want a new symbol.
- Type your information.
- A symbol pops up to hold the information.
- Click away from the symbol to deselect it.

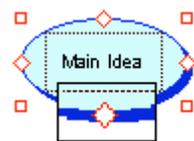
Linking Unconnected Symbols

Now that we have unconnected symbols, we may want to link them to our other ideas. We will link from the primary symbol to the secondary symbol.



Use the Link button

- On the toolbar, click the Link button.
- The cursor becomes a two-headed arrow.
- Click the primary symbol to tell Inspiration where you want to draw the link from.
- Click the secondary symbol to indicate where you want to draw the link to.
- The link appears, connecting the primary to the secondary symbol.
- Click the Link button again to turn it off.



Draw connections manually

- Click on primary symbol.
- Click on one of the four diamonds and drag an arrow to the appropriate

symbol.

· When the symbol highlights, release the mouse button.

Save

Click File, Save As... to save your first Inspiration file.

Print

Click File, Print or Print Preview to print your pages.

Use Print Setup to change the page from Portrait to Landscape. Sometimes your diagram will fit on the page better this way.

Choose Print Options to fit your diagram to a single page.

Change symbol shapes, fonts, colors, and links

Change symbol shapes by selecting and then choosing another shape from the palette. Use the arrows at the top of the palette to find other symbols.

Use the Format menu to change the fonts.

Use the Effect menu to change colors.

Use the Link menu (select the link first) to change the appearance of the links.

Save the Inspiration file.

 **Export to a JPG.** This will allow everyone in the class to view your project.

- Make sure you're in Diagram View.
- From the menu, choose **File, Export**.
- Click on the radio button beside JPEG. Click Save.
- Save it in a place where you'll remember where you put it, and give it a name you can remember. Write it down! You're going to need it again!
- Next you will post this file in the appropriate Discussion area and give feedback to your classmates.

Post Project

Then post your file online in the discussion area using [these instructions](#). Be sure to tell us a bit about how you see this project fitting your curriculum.

Response to Other Projects

Each week you should **REPLY** to at least one of your classmates' projects and give them feedback. Suggested starter words for your feedback:

- *I particularly liked . . .*
- *You might want to look at these resources . . .*
- *Did you think about . . .*
- *I wondered about . . .*
- *I've been successful with similar activities when . . .*



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Implement Option 6: Create a newsletter with student writing.

This project assumes you're already somewhat familiar with Word. Begin by exploring the following handouts. The Newsletter handouts are from a jigsaw workshop where teachers work in teams of four. Each person learns one piece and then the group creates a newsletter together.



 [Word Callouts](#)

 Newsletters: [Masthead, WordArt, Lines, and Columns](#)

 Newsletters: [Pictures, Photos, Digital Pictures and Pictures in Shapes](#)

 Newsletters: [Text Boxes, Drop Letters, Borders, Templates](#)

 [Newsletters in the Classroom](#)

Create a Newsletter

Then create a newsletter. At a minimum, include a masthead, lines, textboxes, graphics and columns.

Save as....

Look under the File Menu for Save As... or Export. Save the file as a **RTF** (Rich Text Format) so that everyone in the class can read your file. WordPerfect Users, see if you have Publish to PDF or Save as PDF options. Don't panic if some of the formatting is lost. This is normal when converting files.

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One Computer Classroom

 [That's Not a Drinking Fountain](#) or How to Survive in a One Computer Classroom.

Cheating

 [Digital Deception](#) How will you prevent cheating in your classroom? How can the physical arrangement of your computer(s) help you? How can you design assignments to help? What Bible stories can you share and discuss with your students to help teach them to be honest in their studies?

 [About Plagiarism and Pixels](#)

Font Size

Make the font size large so kids can see it easily or change the font size to show on your monitor in your classroom. Ctrl and + will also work in most browsers.

- How to Change Font Size [in Netscape](#)
- [in Internet Explorer](#)

Hook Your Computer to Your Classroom TV

 [Scan Converter Buyers Guide](#) Tips and suggestions.

 [How to Set Up Computers in Your Classroom](#)

 [A low cost multimedia classroom](#) with pictures too!



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Fair Use

What is Fair Use and how does it apply to my project?

Visit [Copyright Bay](#) to learn about Fair Use and how it applies to print, media, and technology.

Specifically this week, reference [Multimedia Wharf](#).

The Multimedia Fair Use Guidelines provide the following specific limits on the amount of copyrighted material that may be used in student and faculty multimedia projects.

For motion media -(e.g., video clips) up to 10% or 3 minutes, whichever is less.

For text- up to 10% or 1000 words, whichever is less.

For poems -

- up to 250 words.
- Three poem limit per poet
- Five poem limit by different poets from an anthology.

For music - up to 10% or 30 seconds, whichever is less.

For photos and images

- Up to 5 works from one author.
- Up to 10% or 15 works, whichever is less, from a collection.

Database information-- up to 10% or 2,500 fields or cell entries, whichever is less.

For your easy reference, you may wish to print [Copyright Guidelines](#) from the December 2003/January 2004 issue of the *Journal of Adventist Education*.

Citing Resources

The following examples are for document electronic resources using the MLA format. If you need them for [APA format](#),



[check this link](#). Remember, it is important that students document and give credit for all resources from the Internet, including graphics, sounds, and video for multimedia projects.



Documenting Electronic Resources

Purdue University Writing Lab. Using MLA Format. 2004. March 15, 2004.
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_mla.html>.

A web page

Author(s). Name of Page. Date of Posting/Revision. Date of Access.
<electronic address>.

N.B. It is necessary to list your date of access because web postings are often updated, and information available at one date may no longer be available later. Be sure to include the complete address for the site. Also, note the use of angled brackets around the electronic address; MLA requires them for clarity.

An article in an online journal or magazine

Author(s). "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume. Issue (Year):
Pages/Paragraphs. Date of Access <electronic address>.

N.B. Some electronic journals and magazines provide paragraph or page numbers; include them if available. This format is also appropriate to online magazines; as with a print version, you should provide a complete publication date rather than volume and issue number.

Email

Author. "Title of the message (if any)" E-mail to person's name. Date of the message.

A listserv posting

Author. "Title of Posting." Online posting. Date when material was posted (for example: 18 Mar. 1998). Name of listserv. Date of access <electronic address for retrieval>.

An image

Artist if available. "Description or title of image." Date of image. Online image.
Title of larger site. Date of download. <electronic address>.

