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Inspiration® WalkThrough

Goal

To create a visual K-W-L (What We Know, What We Want to Know, and What We've Learned) web for a new theme unit on Dinosaurs.

Get Started

1. Open the folder that contains *Inspiration* and double-click the program icon.
2. When you start *Inspiration*, you are in Diagram View. The Main Idea symbol appears in the center of your screen.

Create a Main Idea

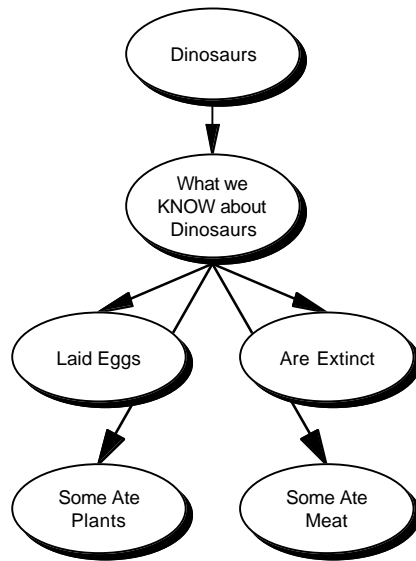
Delete the words Main Idea and type “Dinosaurs”. Notice that this becomes the main idea for your new visual plan.

Add Ideas to Your Diagram

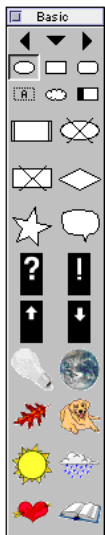
1. Click the symbol outline of your main idea to highlight it. You will know it is highlighted when the symbol has red squares and diamonds around it.
2. From the Diagram toolbar at the top of the screen, click on the arrow pointing straight down in the Create Button.
3. In the new symbol that has just been created, type “What we KNOW about Dinosaurs”.


Use RapidFire to Add Ideas Quickly

1. Click the “What we KNOW about Dinosaurs” symbol to highlight it.
2. From the Diagram Toolbar, click the RapidFire button. Notice that a red lightning bolt appears next to the text.
3. Type “Are Extinct” and press the Return/Enter key on your keyboard. Notice that a new symbol linked to “What we KNOW about Dinosaurs” has been created.
4. While still in the RapidFire mode, type “Laid Eggs”, “Some Ate Meat” and “Some Ate Plants”. Be sure to press the Return/Enter key between each category!
5. Your diagram should resemble the one below:



Change the Forms of Symbols



1. Click the “What we KNOW about Dinosaurs” symbol to highlight it.
2. On the left side of the screen is the Symbol Palette. If the palette is not visible, use the View menu to select Symbol Palette.
3. From the Symbol Palette, click the Central Arrow () to see a list of the symbol graphic categories.
4. If Basic is not presently displayed, scroll to it. Click the picture of the light bulb and notice how the “What we KNOW about Dinosaurs” symbol changes.

Note: You can manually rearrange the symbols by clicking and dragging them to the desired location.

Add Information in Outline View

1. From the Diagram Tool Bar, click the Outline button. Notice that your visual plan has been arranged in outline format and that new buttons appear on the toolbar.
1. Click “Dinosaurs” and then click the Add Sub button on the Outline toolbar.
2. Type “What we WANT to know about Dinosaurs”, click the Add Topic button, and then type “What we’ve LEARNED about Dinosaurs”.

3. To put the three steps in order, click the roman numeral (III.) in front of “What we KNOW about Dinosaurs” and drag it to the top of the sub topics under Dinosaurs. When you let go, it will become I.
4. Click the Diagram button on the Outline toolbar to return to Diagram view.

Extensions

Change the Appearance of the Diagram Text

2. Highlight the “Dinosaurs” symbol. (You should see red squares and diamonds around the symbol.)
3. Use the Format menu to choose a new Font, Size and Style for the text. (Try Chicago, 14 and Shadow.)
4. Use the Effect menu to change the Text Color. (You can also change the Fill Color and Line Color for the selected symbol using the Effect menu.)
5. Repeat the above steps for each symbol in your diagram. To change all of the symbols at the same time, choose Select All from the Edit menu and then follow steps 2 and 3.

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