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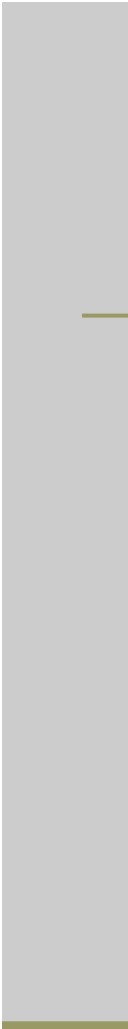


Using graphic organizers to support  
prewriting

# Students with LD....

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- Rely more on “knowledge telling” (Bereiter, Scardamalia, 1983; Brown, Day and Jones, 1983)
- Demonstrate difficulties with working memory which affects their ability to sustain thinking and generate writing. More early terminations, irrelevancies and redundancies (Bereiter, Scardamalia, 1983)

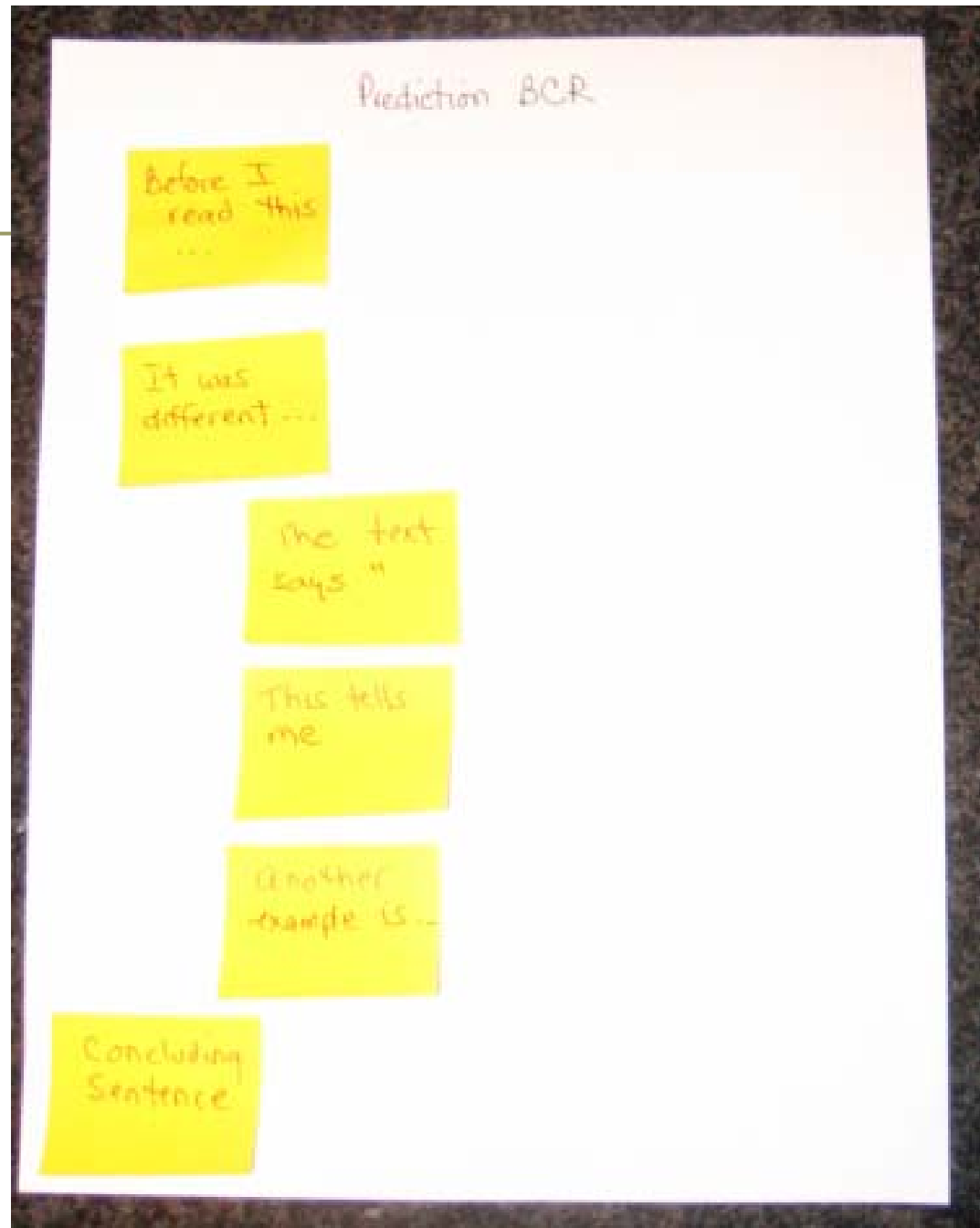
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- Struggling writers spend little time planning in advance of writing—1 minute or less (Englert et al, 1988)
  - They have difficulty generating appropriate content, produce shorter compositions with limited information, and often demonstrate limited background knowledge. They have more difficulty with goal setting, organizing, evaluating and revising. (MacArthur, 1996)



# Prewriting and organizational strategies

Sticky note  
strategy for  
prewriting  
organization

Scaffolded  
scribing



# Use word banks to generate ideas and enhance word choice

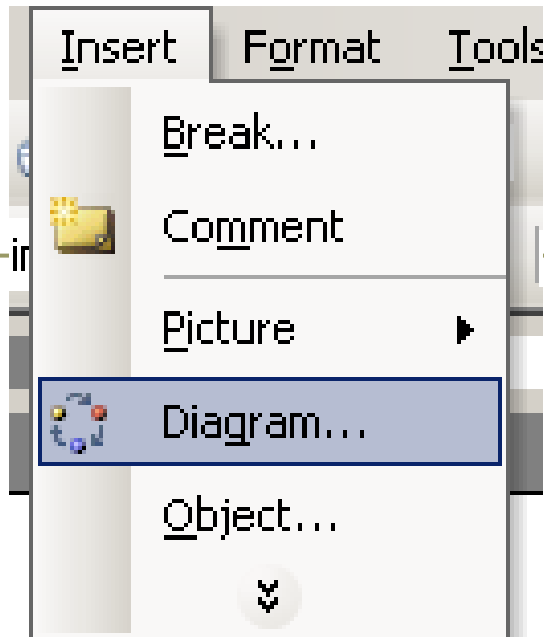
## Word Bank

underground railroad  
signal  
travel  
escape  
message  
plantation  
hide  
slavery

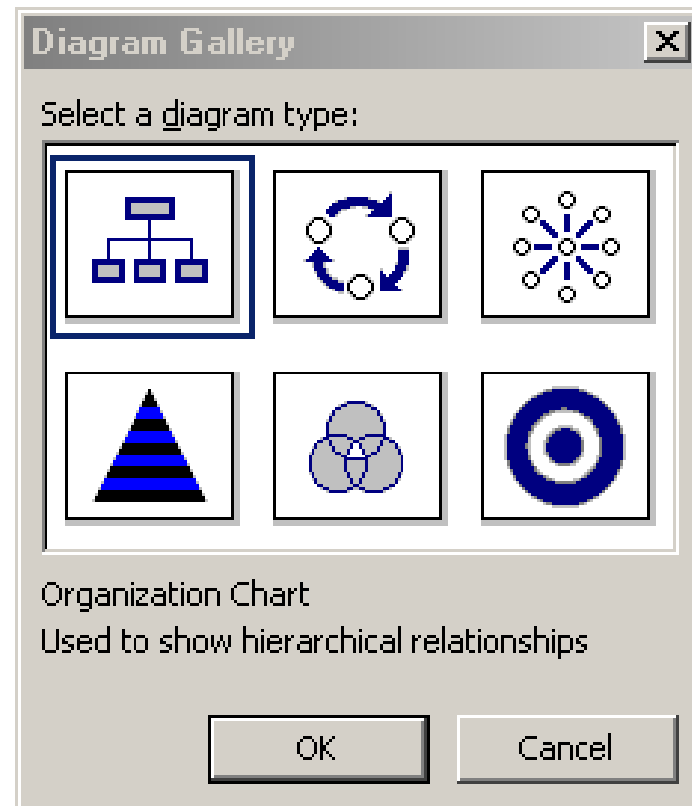
The underground railroad helped people escape slavery. People traveled at night to |



# Microsoft Diagrams

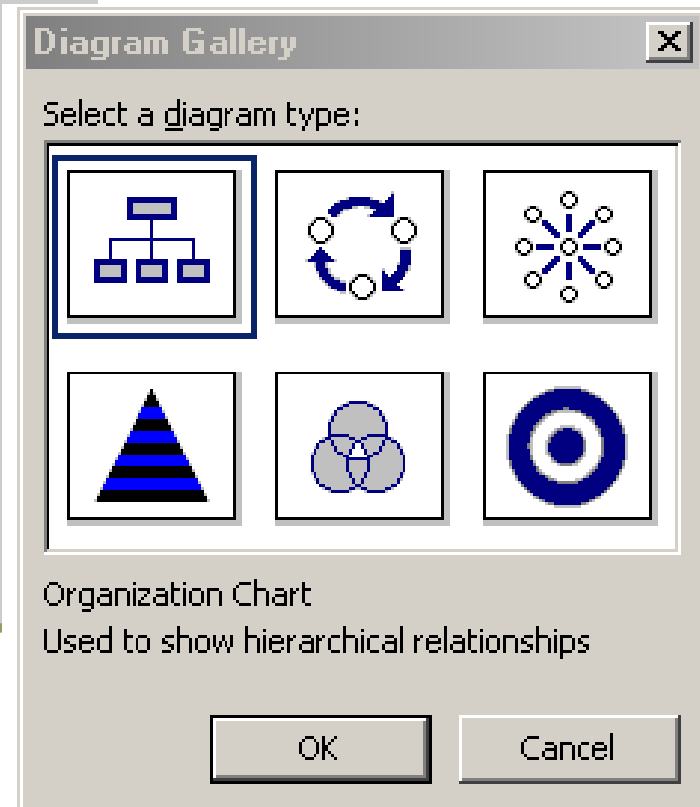


Students can create basic prewriting diagrams on the computer





# Types of Diagrams:



Venn (Venn diagram: A diagram that is used to show areas of overlap between and among elements.)


Cycle (Cycle diagram: A diagram that is used to show a process that has a continuous cycle.)

Pyramid (Pyramid diagram: A diagram that is used to show foundation-based relationships.)

Target (Target diagram: A diagram that is used to show steps toward a goal.)

Radial (Radial diagram: A diagram that is used to show relationships of elements to a core element.)

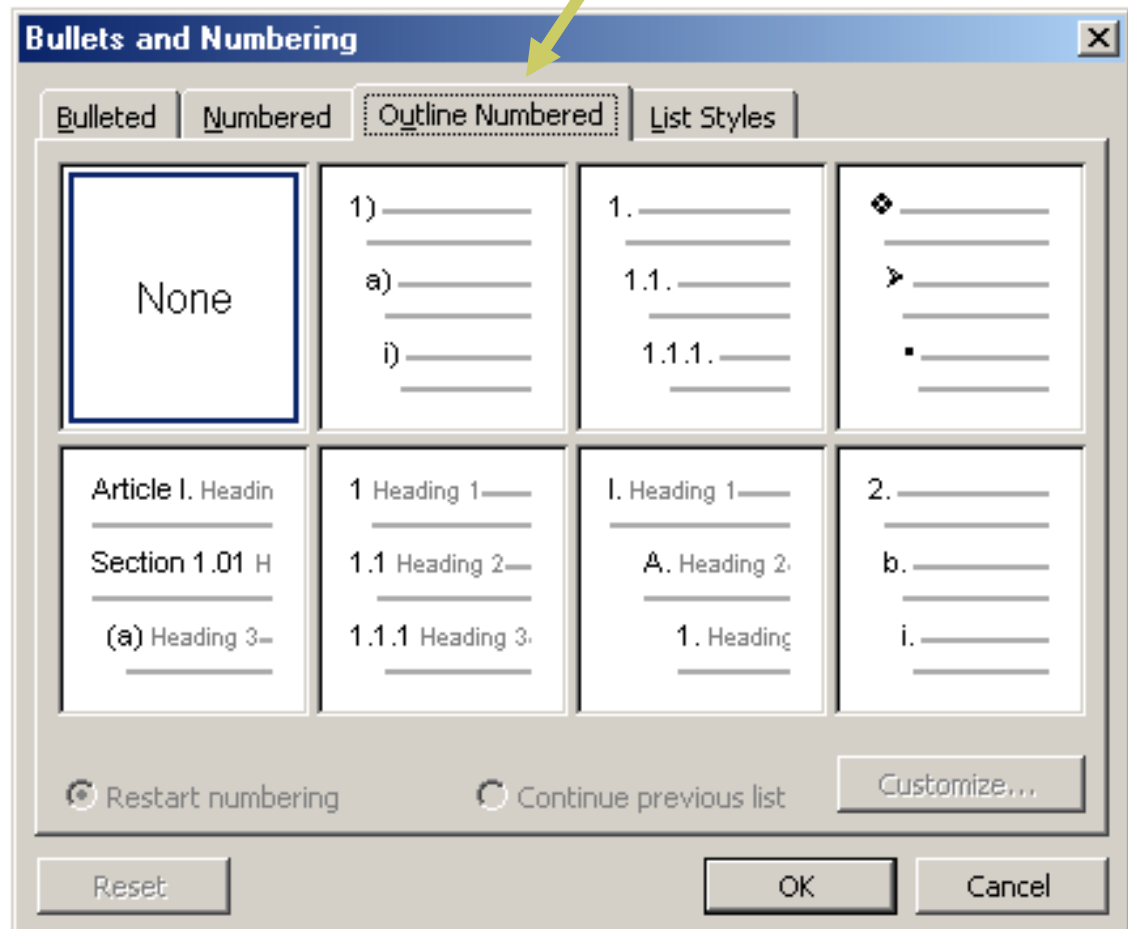
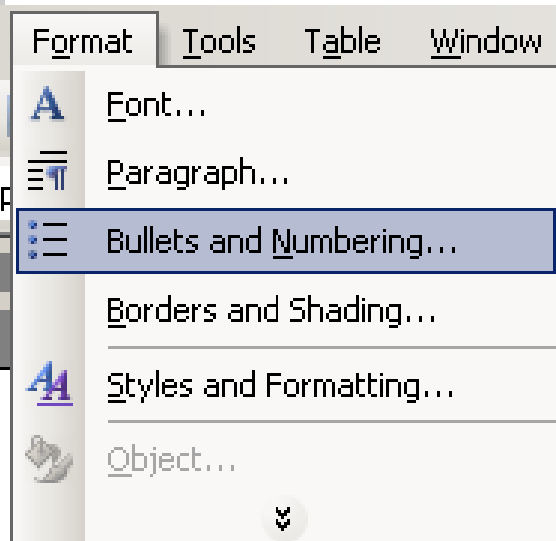


- If you want to add an element, click **Insert Shape** on the Diagram Organization toolbar.
- Click on **Layout** on the Diagram Organization toolbar to change the diagram layout. This will depend upon the diagram selected.
- If you want to add or change a preset design scheme, click  **AutoFormat** on the Diagram toolbar and select one of the



# Microsoft Outline Tools

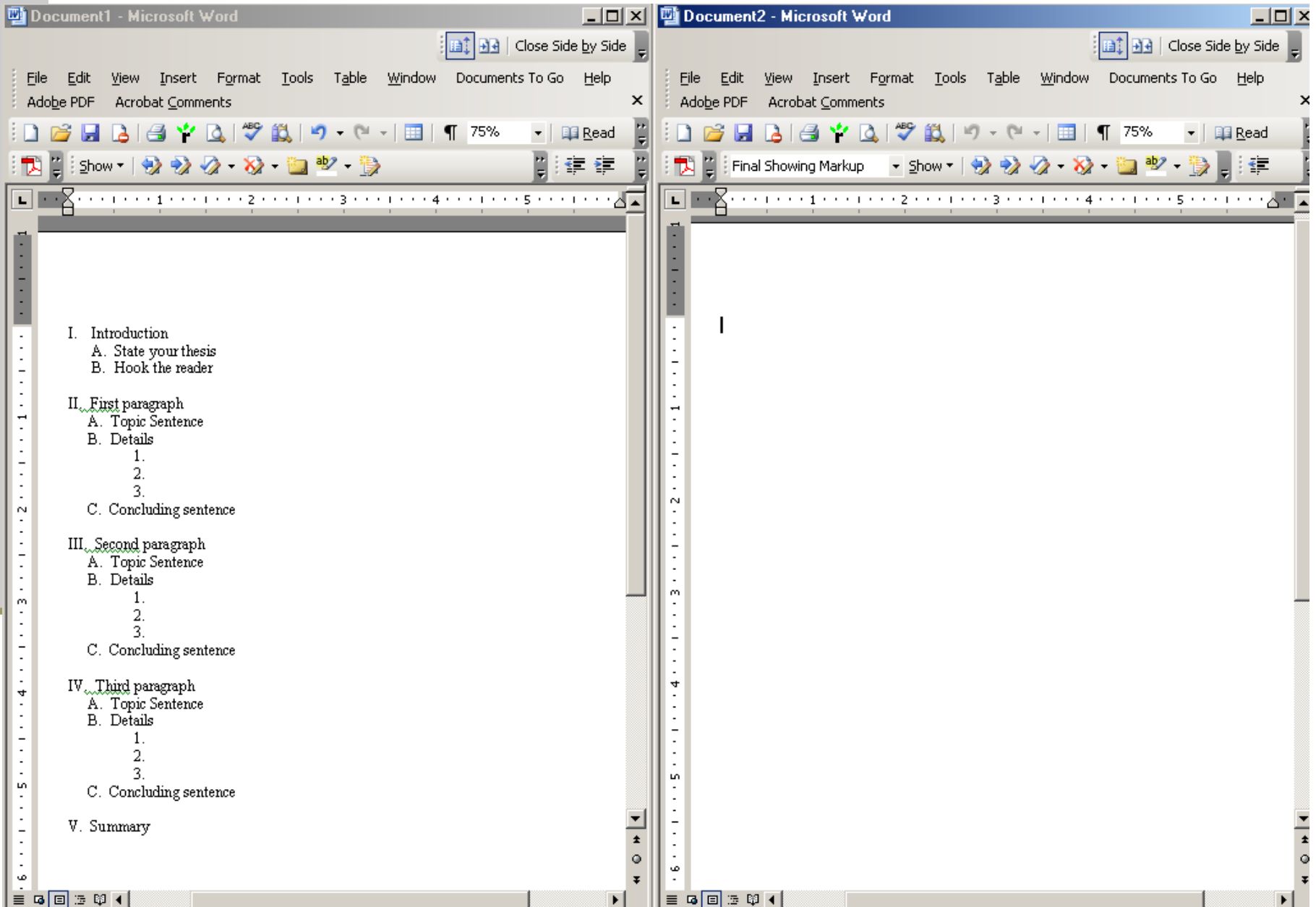
# To help students with outlining





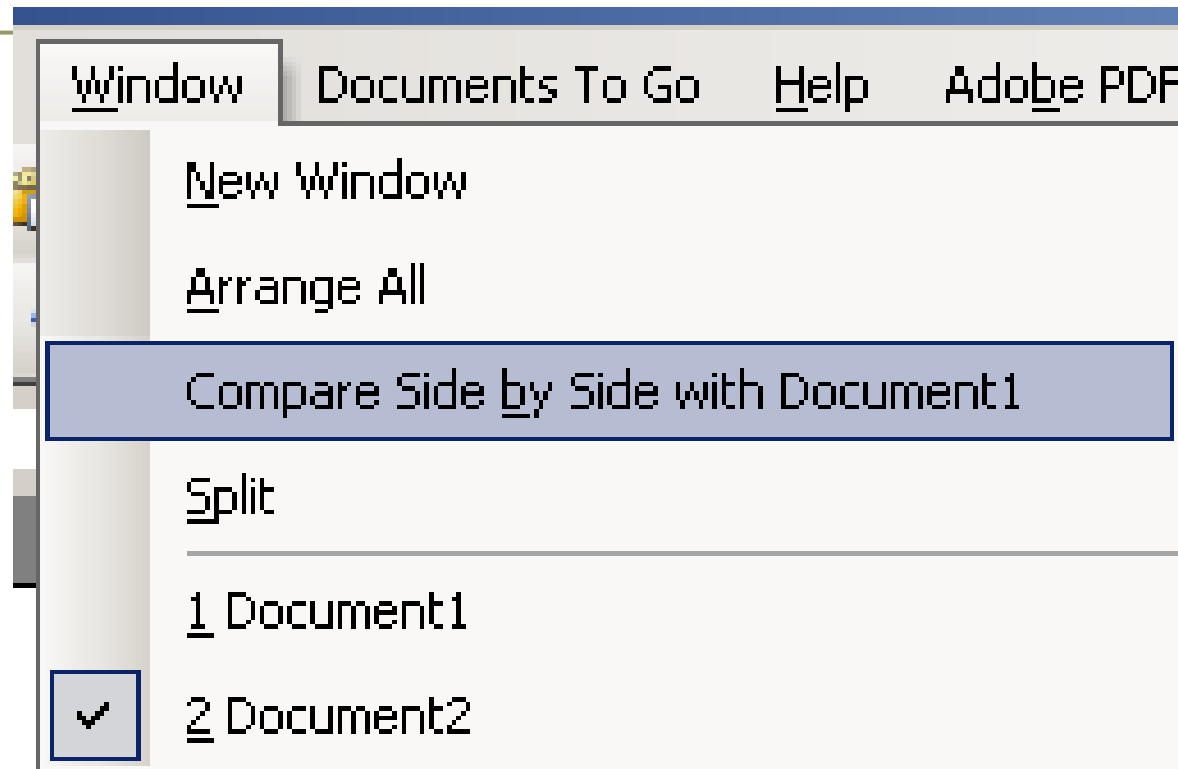
Side by side outline and writing file

# Side by side outline and writing file



# Comparing two document:

Gives students a side by side comparison.



Be sure to have the two documents open.

Go to Window > Compare side by side

Use this to view a model paper or an outline



# Graphic Organizers

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The screenshot shows a graphic organizer titled "BIG IDEA Lines" with the subtitle "2 kinds of lines". It is divided into two columns: "Perpendicular" and "Parollol" (sic). Under "Perpendicular", there are three text boxes: "Intersect / meet", "form right angles", and "forms a square corner". Under "Parollol", there are three text boxes: "never intersect, meet, or touch", "same plane", and "go in same direction". Below these columns are two diagrams: one showing perpendicular lines with right angle symbols, and another showing parallel lines with arrows. At the bottom, a text box states "There are only two types of lines". To the right of the organizer are three links: "About Graphic Organizers", "News", and "Contact Us".

Is about...

Main Idea

Details

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So what? What is important to understand about this?

# <http://eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/>

## Classroom Resources



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### [Help with Opening PDF Files](#)

Help your students children classify ideas and communicate more effectively. Use graphic organizers to structure writing projects, to help in problem solving, decision making, studying, planning research and brainstorming. Select a Graphic Organizer from the following list of links.

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[Fact and Opinion](#)

[Four-Column Chart](#)

[Ice-Cream Cone](#)

[Cluster/Word Web 1](#)

[Describing Wheel](#)

[Five W's Chart](#)

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## Graphic Organizers

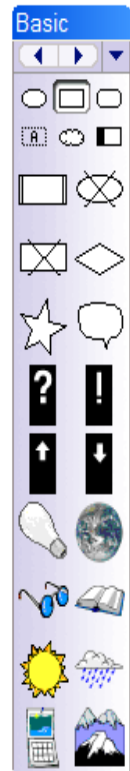
We offer a collection of pre-formatted graphic organizers that you can integrate into activities and lesson plans or use by themselves. We offer three different formats for your convenience:

- HTML, which is viewable with any browser
- PDF which is viewable with the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).
- Word, which is viewable using Microsoft Word®

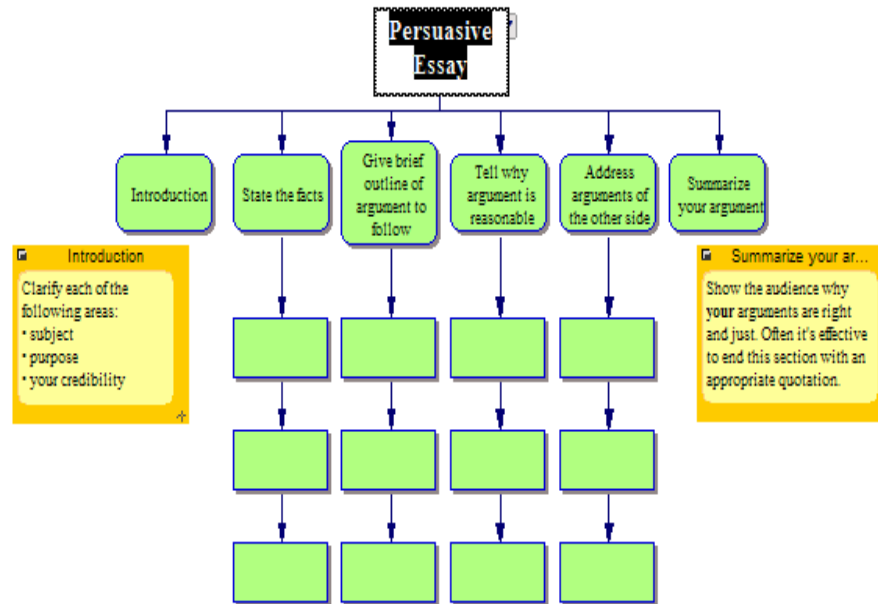
Item	Description	Version
Character Map	Helps describe in detail the main character, their thoughts and actions. Good for short stories and novels.	<a href="#">HTML</a> <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">WORD</a>
Clustering	Good for organization of concepts, ideas, and as a pre-reading activity.	<a href="#">HTML</a> <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">WORD</a>
Compare/Contrast	Helps with similarities and differences in characters, situations, and concepts.	<a href="#">HTML</a> <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">WORD</a>
Concept Map	Good pre-writing activity. Helps with organization of main ideas and details.	<a href="#">HTML</a> <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">WORD</a>



# Inspiration Software



# Inspiration



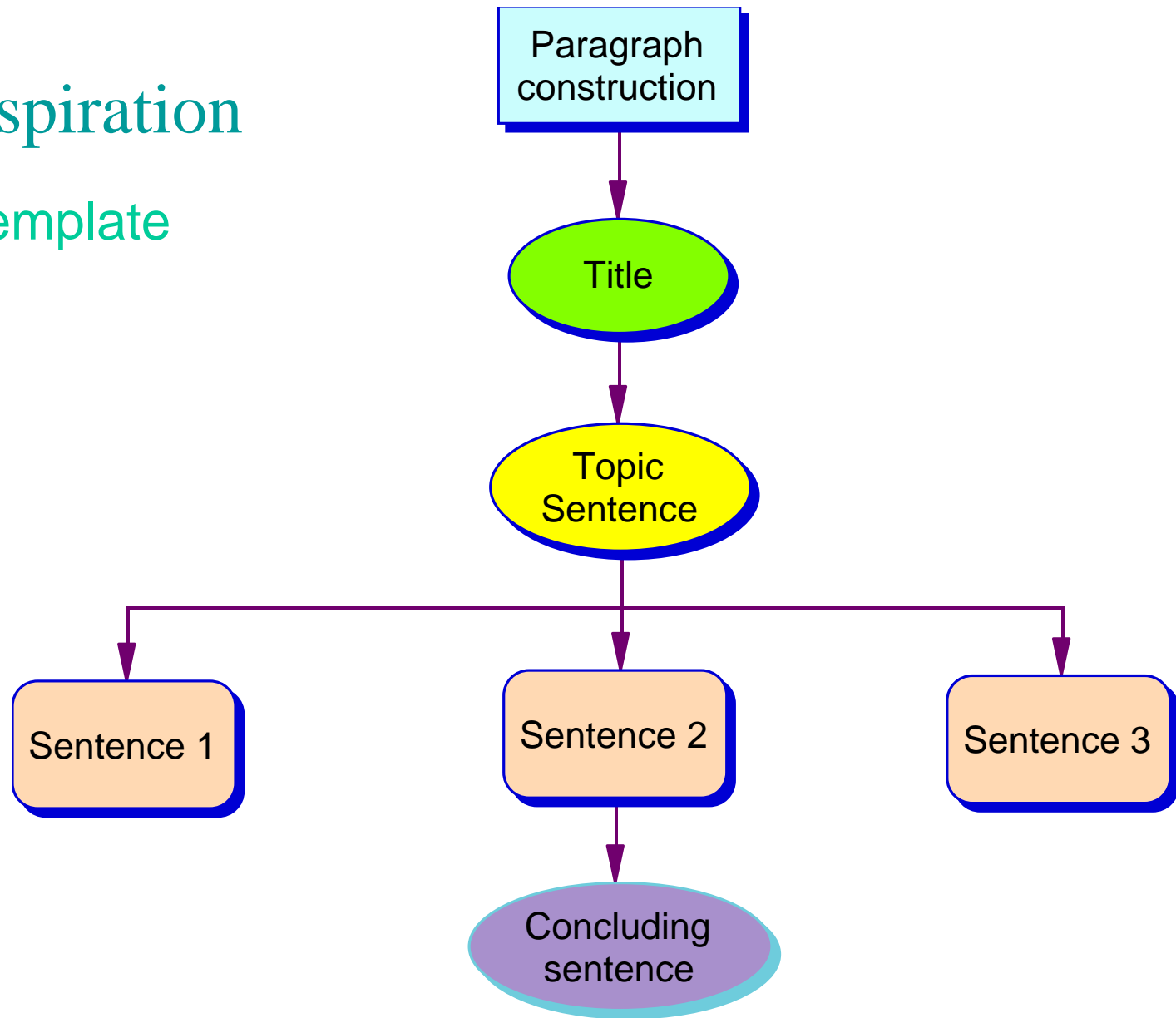
### How to use this template

1. Before beginning a persuasive essay, brainstorm possible ideas for your paper. The [Idea Map](#) template will help you get started.
2. Enter the essay topic into the symbol labeled "Persuasive Essay."
3. Enter important introductory information into the note associated with "Introduction."
4. Enter the facts of your argument into the symbols under "State the facts."
5. Continue in the same way for each of the remaining sections.
6. Add symbols as necessary using the Create tool.
7. Switch to Outline View.
8. Revise and edit. For writing help, see the note associated with each section of the essay.
9. Click the Transfer button to finalize your essay in a word processor.

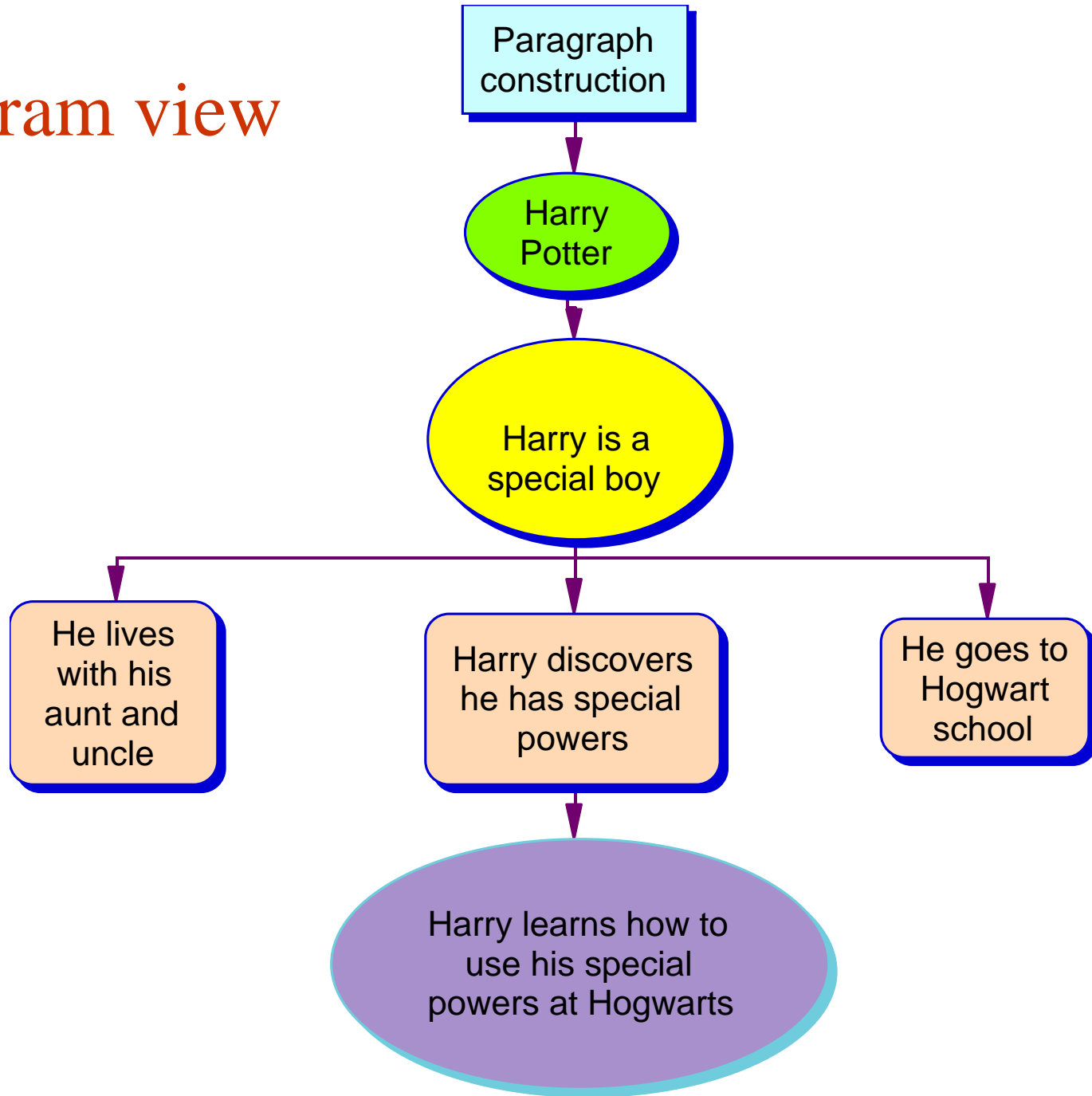
### Benefits of using the Persuasive Essay template

Inspiration

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# Diagram view





# Outline view

## Paragraph construction

### Harry Potter

**Harry is a special boy**

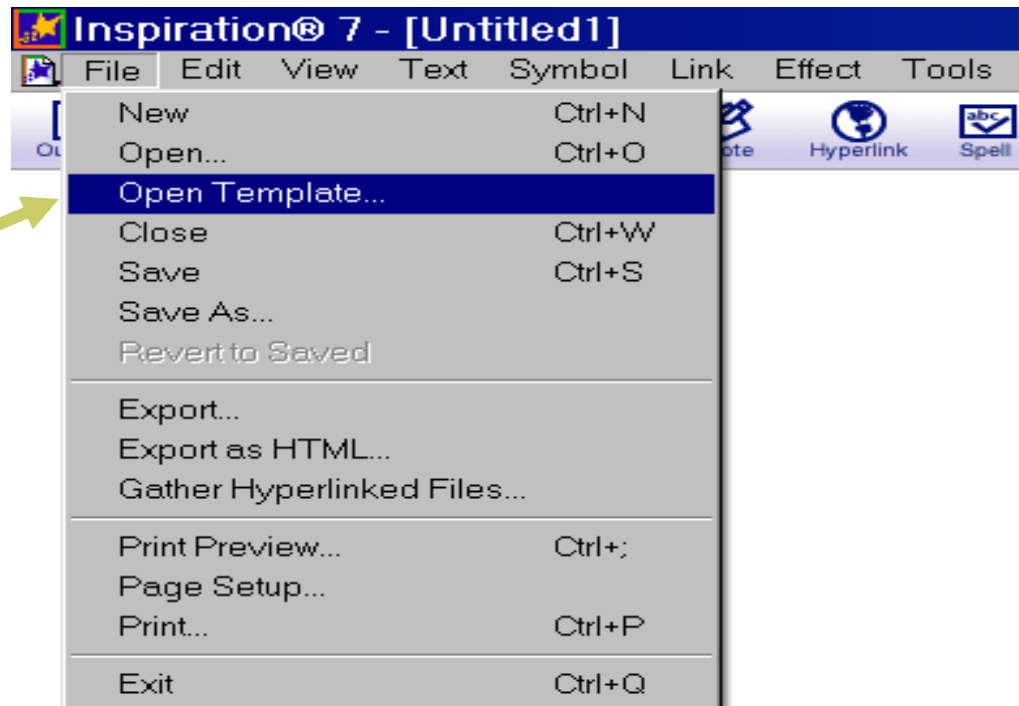
**He lives with his aunt and uncle**

**Harry discovers he has special powers**

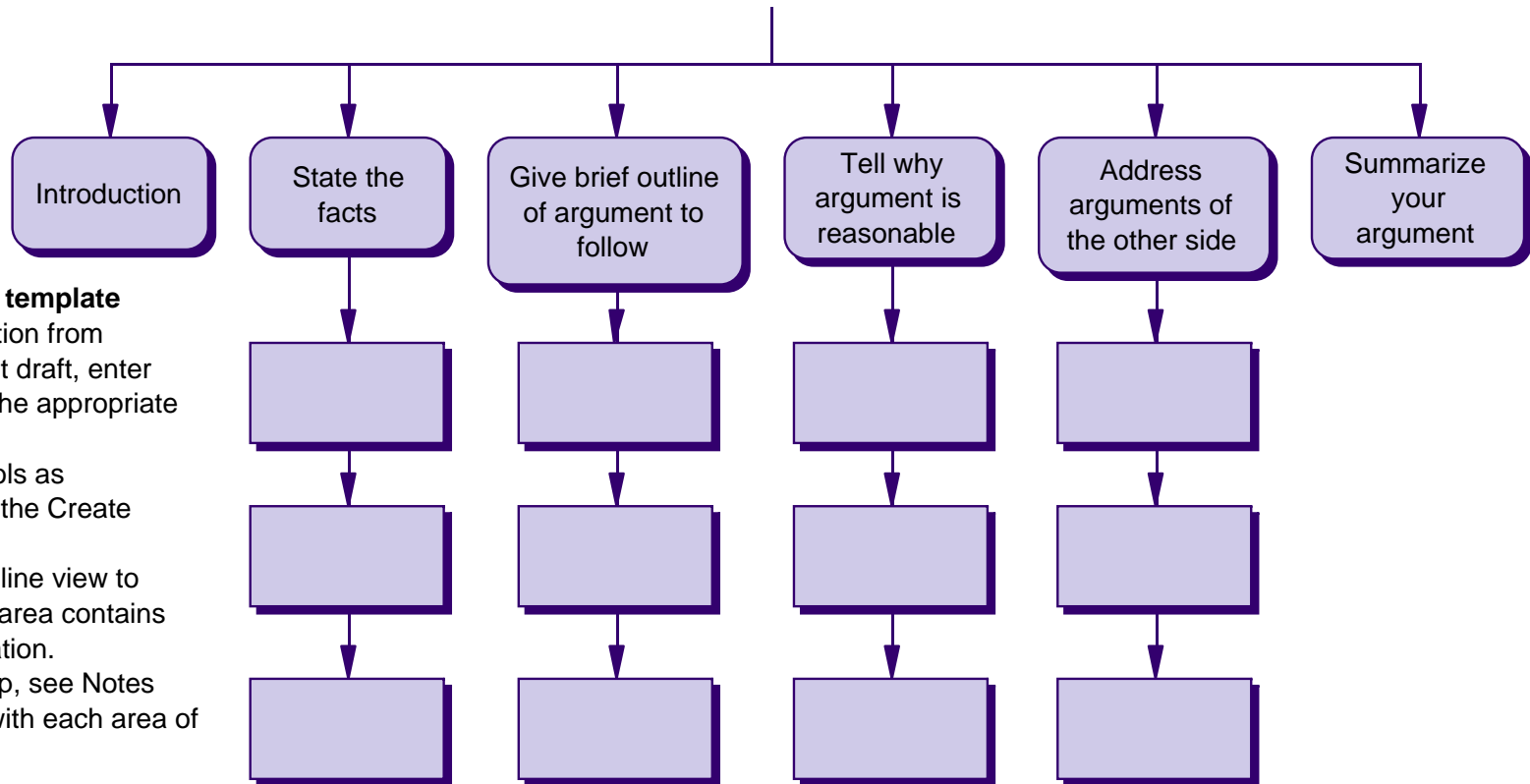
**He goes to Hogwart school**

**Harry learns how to use his special powers at  
Hogwarts**

# Using Inspiration Templates



## Persuasive Essay



### How to use this template

1. Using information from brainstorm or first draft, enter information into the appropriate subsymbols.
2. Add subsymbols as necessary using the Create tools.
3. Check the Outline view to make sure each area contains sufficient information.
4. For writing help, see Notes text associated with each area of the essay.

### Benefits of using the Persuasive Essay template

This template will support students as they organize their ideas, and help them to form logical arguments. The template will also remind them of their audience and purpose as they construct their essay.

Inspiration software

[www.inspiration.com](http://www.inspiration.com)

# Inspiration -Parents site

## Free trials available

The screenshot displays the Inspiration Software website interface. At the top, the logo for Inspiration Software, Inc. is visible. Below the logo is a navigation bar with five tabs: PRODUCTS, EDUCATORS, PARENTS, PERSONAL & BUSINESS USE, and ONLINE STORE DOWNLOAD TRIALS. A green arrow points to the PARENTS tab. Below the navigation bar, the word "PARENTS" is displayed with a green arrow pointing to it. The main content area features a navigation menu with four tabs: WELCOME, GETTING STARTED, HOMEWORK HELP, and VISUAL THINKING. Below the menu is a sample project titled "Where I Live" which is a concept map. The central node is a child's head and shoulders. Three main branches extend from the center: "Neighborhood", "Home", and "Weather". The "Neighborhood" branch includes "park" (with a tree and a squirrel), "creek" (with a river), and "Catholic Elementary School". The "Home" branch includes "Mom", "Ester", and "Grandpa's cat". The "Weather" branch includes "Winter" (with snow), "Fall" (with leaves), "Summer" (with a sun), and "Spring" (with rain). To the right of the concept map, there is a text box that reads: "Use pictures, words and links to express personal creativity and share ideas with Kidspiration®".



# Visit the HIAT website

For QuickGuides on:

- Inspiration
- MS Word diagrams
- Sticky note strategies

# HIAT Parent Page

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### Parent TIPS

Parent TIPS is a series of evening trainings on accessible technology presented in collaboration with the

#### Parent Academy

#### Parent Tips Schedule for 2008-2009 (67K pdf)

- **Digital Reading at Home** (1.46mb pdf) - Presented October 13, 2008
- **Internet Resources for Parents** (632K pdf) - Presented November 11, 2008

## UDL

**Newsflash!** December 3, 2008 - **Attend a presentation by Dave Rose and Denise DeCoste.** See the **flyer** (15K pdf) for more information.

### A UDL Introduction

- **View** (Internet Explorer 5.0 or later only)
- **Download PowerPoint** (1.5 MB zip file)

## Writing Resources

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**Graphic Organizer Diagrams in Word** (49K pdf)

**Rocket Graphs** (40K pdf) to encourage kids to write more and track their progress

**Sticky notes pre writing strategy** (40K pdf) to help kids learn to organize their ideas before writing