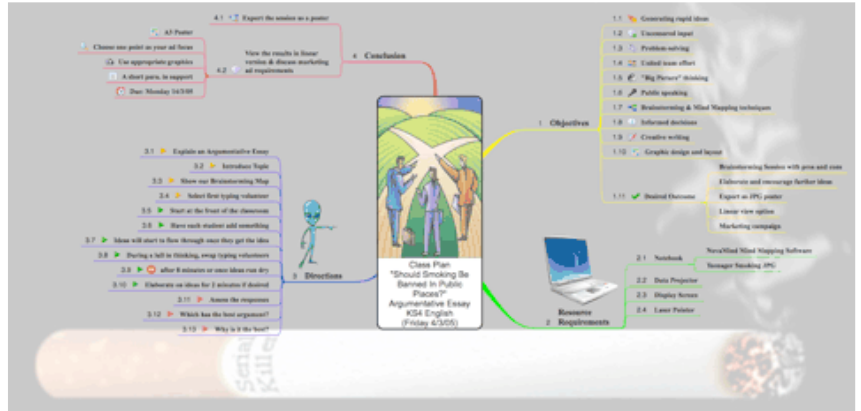




Hi Klaus,

The Plan...

This Mind Map is a plan for an English lesson. Used by the teacher, it organizes the order of events for the lesson, lists the equipment required and highlights the objectives of the lesson. It uses a relevant image as the background, as well as adornments do give additional meaning to the branches. The Mind Map title gives the impression of a debate with different options being considered, leading to different outcomes. The automatic branch numbering is turned on so that the students can be clear about which of the requirements they have questions about. The class "Argumentative Debate" brainstorm results are below.



The results

A class "Argumentative Debate" resulted in the second Mind Map shown here, recording the pros and cons of banning smoking in public places. This Mind Map clearly shows how the use of Mind Maps stimulates the consideration of second and third level consequences and implications, as well as showing some novel alternative thoughts which take the debate beyond just the positives and negatives into the very important area of solution design.

Recommended Uses for NovaMind

An increasing number of teachers and university lecturers are using NovaMind to plan lessons, create handouts, conduct brainstorming sessions, plan projects and show students how to solve problems; all in a way that improves tutor/student communication.

- **Plan Classroom Lessons** - NovaMind allows you to plan and present your activities and projects in a clear and concise way that will be understood by all the students.
- **Researching Information** - NovaMind also makes summarizing research information from text easy, set up key headings about your subject and then add detail on the branches underneath as you extract the information you want from the text. You can summarize books and research information into compact Mind Maps with the subject as the title and information categorized in the branches underneath. The further down the branch extends, the more detailed the information. Information presented in a Mind Map creates a vivid picture which people understand and find easier to remember.
- **Producing Handouts** - With the clearly organized information you have as a result of using NovaMind during information gathering and lesson planning, you will have the information in a clear format for handouts - either complete Mind Maps with the text on them, or using NovaMind's unique ability to print the structure of the Mind Maps without the text, allowing the students to increase their learning by learning through Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic and creative means as they write the branch titles on the Mind Maps during your class. This also allows them to easily extend the Mind Map in a new way to record additional thoughts or information they think is important, as well as giving them the opportunity to record the branch titles in words that mean more to them, hence increasing memorization and understanding.
- **Improving Communication** - We know people learn using different methods - interaction, repetition, verbal and visual stimuli. NovaMind improves communication by

interaction, repetition, verbal and visual stimuli. NovaMind improves communication by using several of these stimuli when implemented in your lectures and handouts. With its use of grouped information, color and ability to insert graphics, NovaMind documents and presentations make an impact on your students and the information remembered far better than a large paragraph of text or a purely verbal lecture.

- **NovaMind For Presentations** - Presenting from NovaMind: You can start with your stunning NovaMind document including color and images or start with an outline and get feedback from your audience to build the Mind Map as you go. Your Mind Maps can include hyperlinks to other Mind Maps, web pages or files, allowing you to draw in information from multiple sources. You can build your Mind Map in NovaMind and export it to Keynote, Power Point or as a Java HTML presentation (which runs in your web browser program) for an instant presentation.
- **Asynchronous Learning Networks** - Where the use of NovaMind Mind Maps in distance learning allows rich and easily understood information to be sent to the students in a way that they can clearly see the relationships between the different items, no matter what learning styles they favor. The Mind Maps can include hyperlinks to other documents to fill in the detailed information or point the students to relevant web sites. When the students create Mind Maps to send in, the richness of the Mind Maps clearly demonstrate their understanding of the subject matter, reducing the marking time, and assisting the students with their understanding and recall.
- **Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities** - Mind Maps draw in so many different cognitive learning aspects, that they are an excellent tool for building and maintaining the interest of students with either learning disabilities or brain injuries.

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Teacher's Guide to Mind Mapping



I have recently written a Mind Mapping book called "Teacher's Guide to Mind Mapping". This book is designed for anyone who teaches, whether it be in primary, secondary, tertiary, church or other environment. Some of the material is specific to school and university application, but most has general applicability.

If you are interested in more information about the book, click on the book button to the left.

Homework Exercise

If you are a teacher, explain the concept of Mind Mapping to your class, and get them to use the Brainstorming techniques we already covered to create Mind Maps of a topic you are covering in class. Compare the Mind Maps and get feedback from the students as to the effectiveness of using Mind Mapping in this scenario. Remember that if this is their first exposure to Mind Mapping, you may need to have a couple of trial runs before they have the full gist of breaking the content up into keywords and using the connections, lines, colors and images to give the full meaning. You could extend this exercise to using NovaMind for note taking, and assignments.

What next?

Our next email will show you some interesting effects just by using images and backgrounds in different ways.

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