Visual Organization Methods

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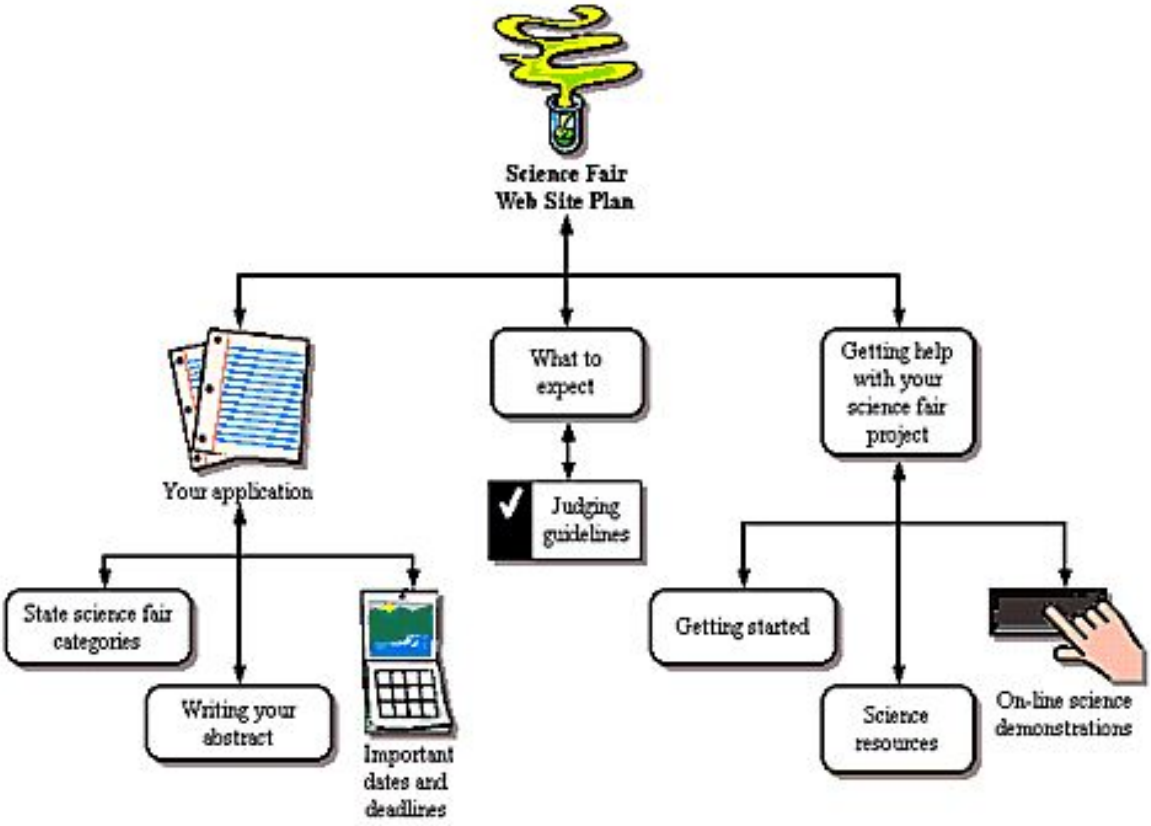
Storyboard

A storyboard is a visual way to organize projects such as multimedia presentations or the design of a web page. A storyboard helps you plan what you're going to say and show, and figure out what ideas belong at the beginning, middle, and end. In a storyboard, each symbol can represent a different slide, screen, or page.

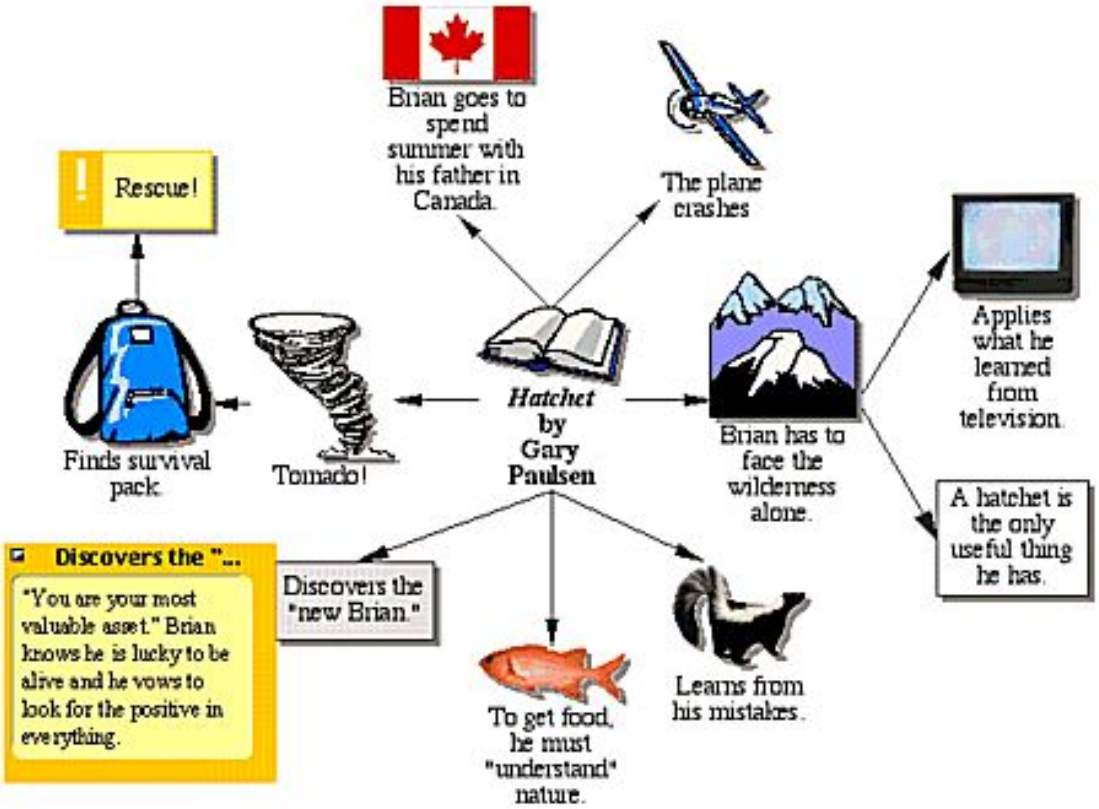
The Web Site Design Fair diagram is an example of a storyboard.



Web

A web is a visual map that shows how different bits of information relate to each other. A web has a main idea or core concept at the center, with different categories of information connected to it. Ideas, facts, and information are connected to the categories to support them.

Webbing is particularly useful when you're analyzing a story or brainstorming ideas for a plan or written report.
The Hatchet diagram is an example of a web.

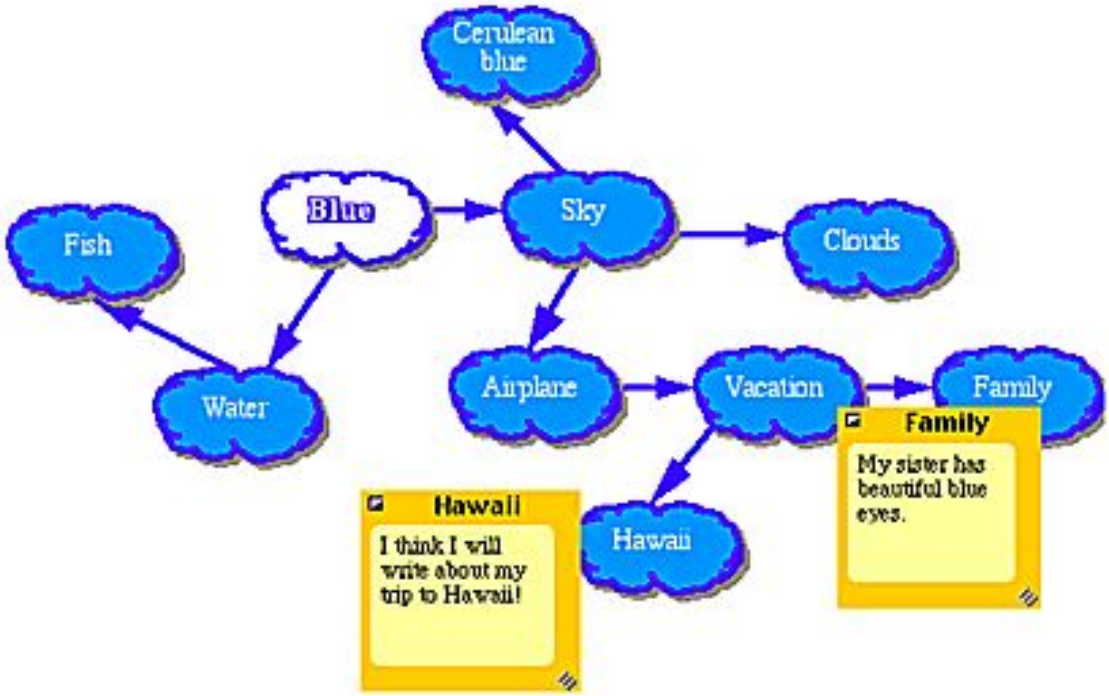


Idea Map

An idea map can be used to brainstorm ideas and develop thoughts. An idea map starts with a main idea or problem in the middle of the screen. You record ideas associated with the main idea in symbols that radiate out from the main idea. The symbols connect to the main idea with links. Subtopics or specific details are then added to those ideas. You let the ideas flow and then step back and look at main themes, patterns, or possible solutions.

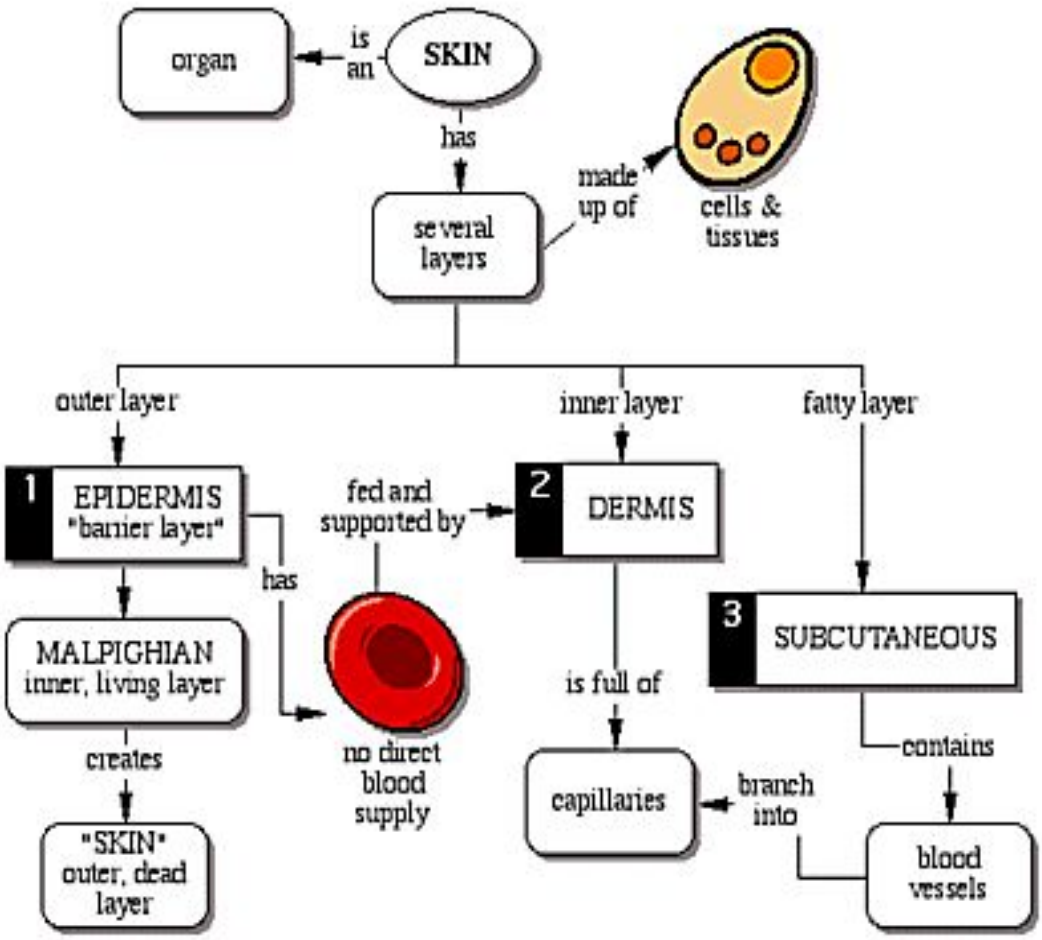
Idea maps can be used for individual or group brainstorming, planning, problem solving, and report writing.

The Blue diagram is an example of an idea map.



Concept Map

A concept map is a hierarchical diagram used to represent a set of concepts beginning with the most general or most important and then working down to more specific detail. Key concepts are connected by links that have descriptive words on them explaining the relationship between the concepts.

Concept maps are often used to illustrate scientific or historical concepts or for other types of knowledge mapping.

The Skin diagram is an example of a concept map.