Group Project Planning

Subject Areas: All subjects

Grade Level: 6 – 12

Lesson Objective: Students will use Inspiration® Maps™ to help them plan and successfully complete a project.

Common Core State Standards¹:
  College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing:
  Standard 6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

Overview:
Use the Thinking - Group Project Plan template included in this folder with your students to help them successfully organize and complete a group project: Inspiration Maps Starter Screen>Templates>Thinking – Group Project Plan. Doing so will enable your students to more effectively identify project goals and steps needed to successfully complete the project. By consolidating all of the necessary information for a project on one visual diagram and using it throughout the course of the project, each group member can easily see what has been done and what still needs to be accomplished.

Preparation:
• Access to library resources and/or the Internet would also be helpful for student research.

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Lesson:
1. Open the *Thinking - Group Project Plan* template and demonstrate for students how it can be used to successfully complete a group project. Explain that students can add visual images, as well as text, to their diagrams. This is not essential to developing a successful plan, but the visual information can help group members focus on and remember important details about the project.

2. Students may use images from their personal Camera Roll, import images from the Internet, and/or take photos (if iPad has a camera) and insert directly into diagram.

3. Open the *Thinking - Group Project Plan* example file included in this folder so students have a better idea of what a finished project plan might look like.

4. Be sure to point out how additional information can be added in Notes. Demonstrate how notes that have been added to symbols can be shown by clicking the Note symbol in the upper-left corner of the symbol with the note.

5. Demonstrate how students can view all notes at the same time, add additional notes and even whole sections of text, and reorganize them in Outline View.

6. Organize students into groups of 2-4. Groups will then choose topics for their projects. You may want to provide a list of acceptable topics, or you may have groups choose topics and then submit their proposals for review.
7. Tell student groups that they can use the diagram and outline throughout the course of the project to help them stay organized. They should also share it with you periodically so you can provide feedback and support throughout the process.

Adaptations / Extensions:

• Students may print and/or share documents. Tap to print, mail or send work to a different App, Dropbox or iTunes.

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