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Charlottesville, Virginia

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Baltimore, Maryland

Inspiration® gives students an edge on achievement

Easy-to-use visual learning tool helps students earn top scores

Many students rely on Inspiration® for help with their most challenging assignments. Using Inspiration for both classroom assignments and homework, students easily move their projects along from initial brainstorming to successful completion. What's more, Inspiration helps students improve the quality of their work—resulting in impressive grades and praise from their teachers.

Quick and easy organization

Inspiration helped Kristen Humberger complete a thoughtful, well-organized project for her history class. A junior at Massaponax High School in Virginia, Kristen was struggling with an assignment about events leading to the Civil War. Kristen had thoroughly researched the topic and had gathered so much information she didn't know where to start. She was having trouble finding just the right way to creatively organize and present her work. Kristen's mom, Diane Humberger, had recently completed an Inspiration introduction class in the school district where she works. She convinced Kristen to try using Inspiration to develop her project.

Within minutes Kristen learned the basics of Inspiration. She began her Inspiration diagram by creating a graphic for each event leading to the Civil War. She organized events into a timeline, linked information, and added descriptions and resulting consequences. To further illustrate her ideas, Kristen then added graphics from Inspiration's extensive symbol library, including pictures of Abe Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, and other government and historical symbols.

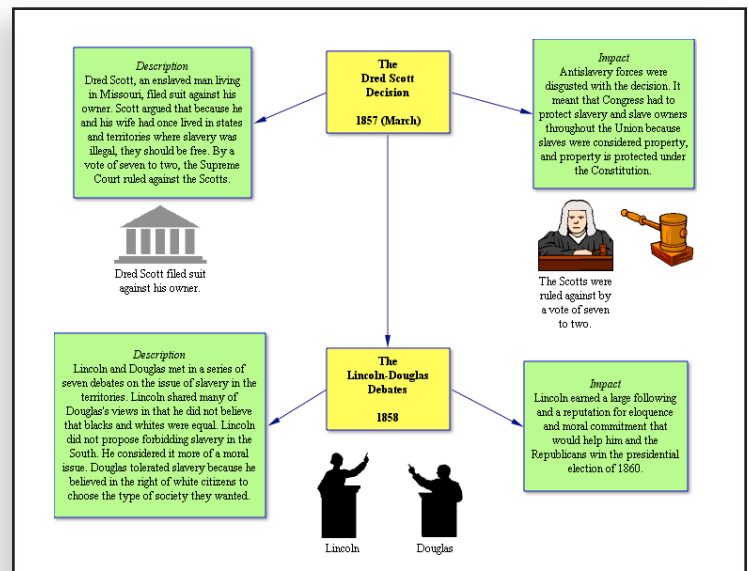
Kudos on assignment

Kristen's seven-page project earned a perfect score and an "excellent" from her history teacher. The teacher even asked to keep Kristen's project to show other students as an example of creativity and organization.

Pleased with the success of her history project, Kristen started using Inspiration for assignments in other classes. She's looking forward to using Inspiration for senior chemistry, biology, and government assignments this school year. "I particularly like two things about Inspiration. It's easy to use and it has neat graphics," she says.

The "wow" factor

Maris Cohen, an eighth grader at Bryn Mawr School in Maryland, began using Inspiration six years ago. Her mom, Cheryl Cohen, a library media specialist and former English teacher, introduced her to the program. "We would use the templates to play word games," says Maris. Since then, she has used Inspiration for many different types of school projects.



Kristen Humberger used Inspiration to organize her thoughts and create a seven-page report for an assignment.

One project Maris completed for an ancient history class made a big impression on her teacher. The assignment involved demonstrating the cultural effects of monsoons on the people of India. After researching this topic, Maris

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used Inspiration to organize the various effects of monsoons into categories. To visually enhance her project, she then imported photos depicting India's people and way of life from the Internet. The result was a stunning diagram reflecting Maris' thorough research and artistic design. "Without Inspiration I would have spent hours on this project. Now it just looks like I did!" says Maris.

Her teacher was so impressed with the final project she gave Maris an A+. She also showed Maris' project to the class as an example of what she expected of them—organized, concise, creative work. Then she contacted Maris' mom to get more information about Inspiration!

Both Kristen and Maris will continue using Inspiration in their schoolwork. "I plan to use Inspiration this year in homework and classroom assignments," says Kristen. "I'm not sure if many students in our schools are aware of how helpful it can be and how easy it is to learn."



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