



Create an I-Search Project

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using Inquiry-Based Learning

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An I-Search is a research project that involves brainstorming, questioning, reading, summarizing, writing, organizing, presenting, and critical-thinking skills. The I-Search uses an investigative process where you choose a topic that you are interested in and develop keywords and essential and subsidiary questions that will guide your exploration of that topic. Your project will demonstrate your ability to focus and narrow on a topic, gather and organize relevant information, and then develop an effective presentation on the topic.



Check it out!

If you are not sure how to use Inspiration, check out the Using Inspiration Guide.



Tip!

If you use Inspiration for brainstorming with a computer attached to a TV monitor, you might want to make the font at least 14-18 pt so those in the back of the room can read the information on the symbols.

Brainstorm using Inspiration

1. There are two ways to approach the I-Search Project: (1) students can choose a topic based upon their own interests, or (2) the teacher or class can choose a theme, and students explore a topic that ties into that theme and is of personal interest to them.
2. The teacher can demonstrate to the class the brainstorming strategies by asking for ideas of topics that each student might be interested in.
3. Start Inspiration and type "Topics" for the Main Idea.
4. Then using RapidFire, brainstorm different topics that students may be interested in.
5. Or choose a theme or subject that is being studied such as Civil War and brainstorm topics about them theme.

