

## Mind Mapping

What is mind mapping?

Mind Mapping began with an idea from author, speaker, and consultant, Tony Buzan. Frustrated with traditional note taking, Buzan came up with mind maps in the late 1960's. Now, there are techniques, templates, guides, classes, and software.

Mind mapping makes use of a two dimensional design instead of the typical linear format used for years. Mind maps are compact and can take up only one side of a sheet of paper—ranging from boxes of segregated information to colorful and artistic expressions of ideas and creativity.

A mind map designed on a sheet of paper can take a large project and break it down into manageable chunks of information. There are no limits or rules. An article idea can be done on a standalone sheet of paper, where a book idea can include one sheet of mind mapping for each section or chapter.

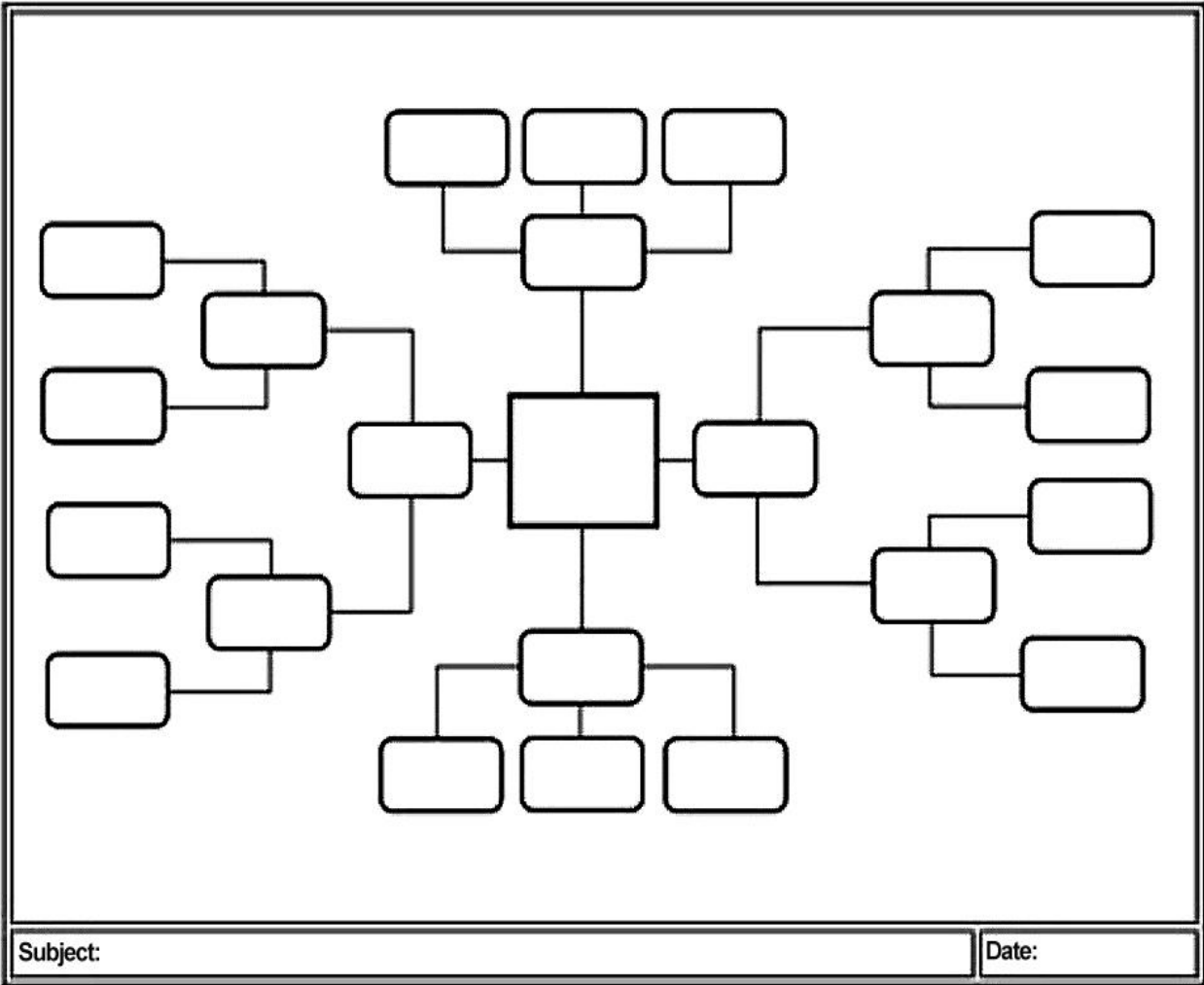
A good Mind Map will show the *shape* of a subject, and will interconnect with the parts and ideas related to that subject. It should be quick to review and easy to recognize—the shapes, colors, scribbled, or typed notes revealing easily what the subject is.

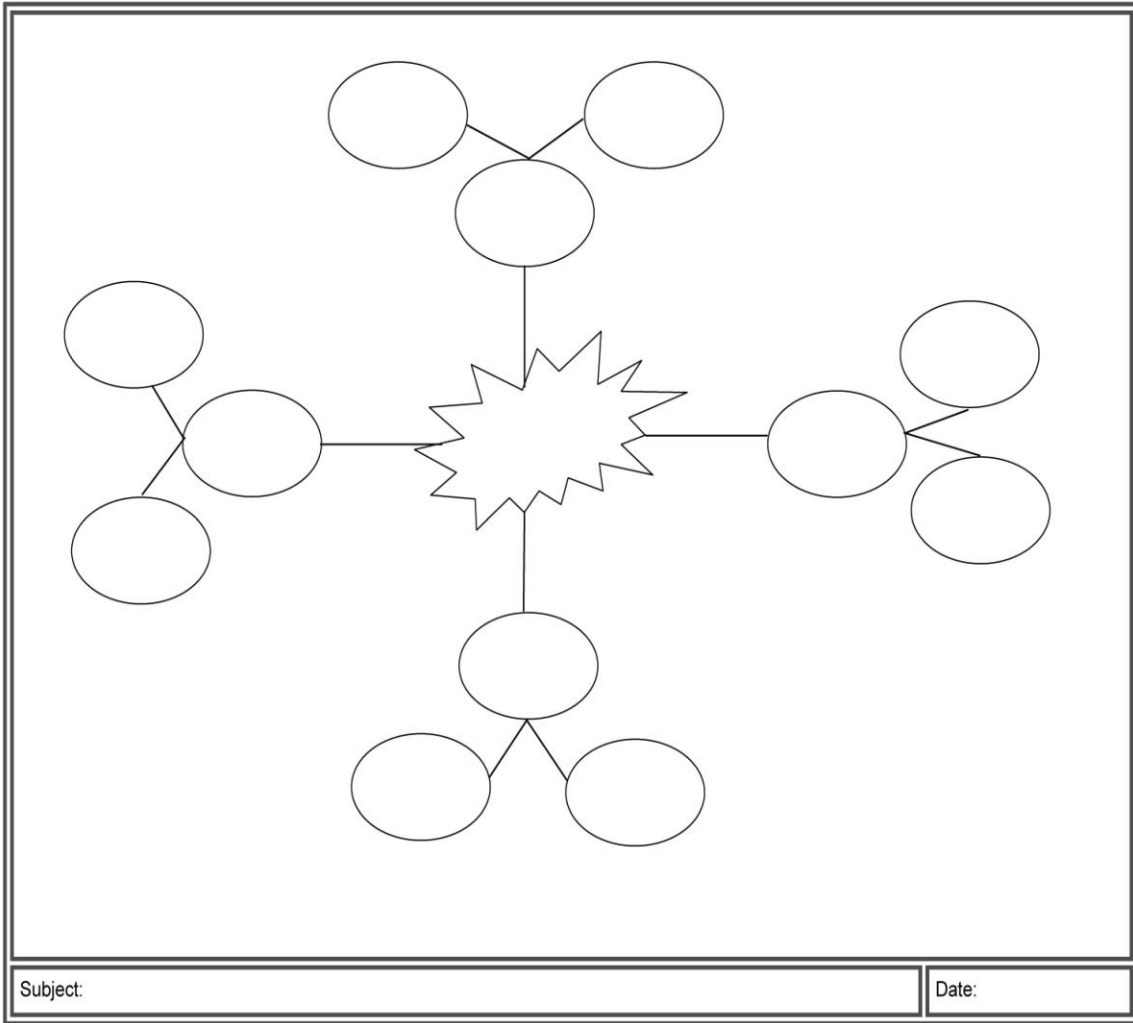
### Five Benefits of Mind Mapping

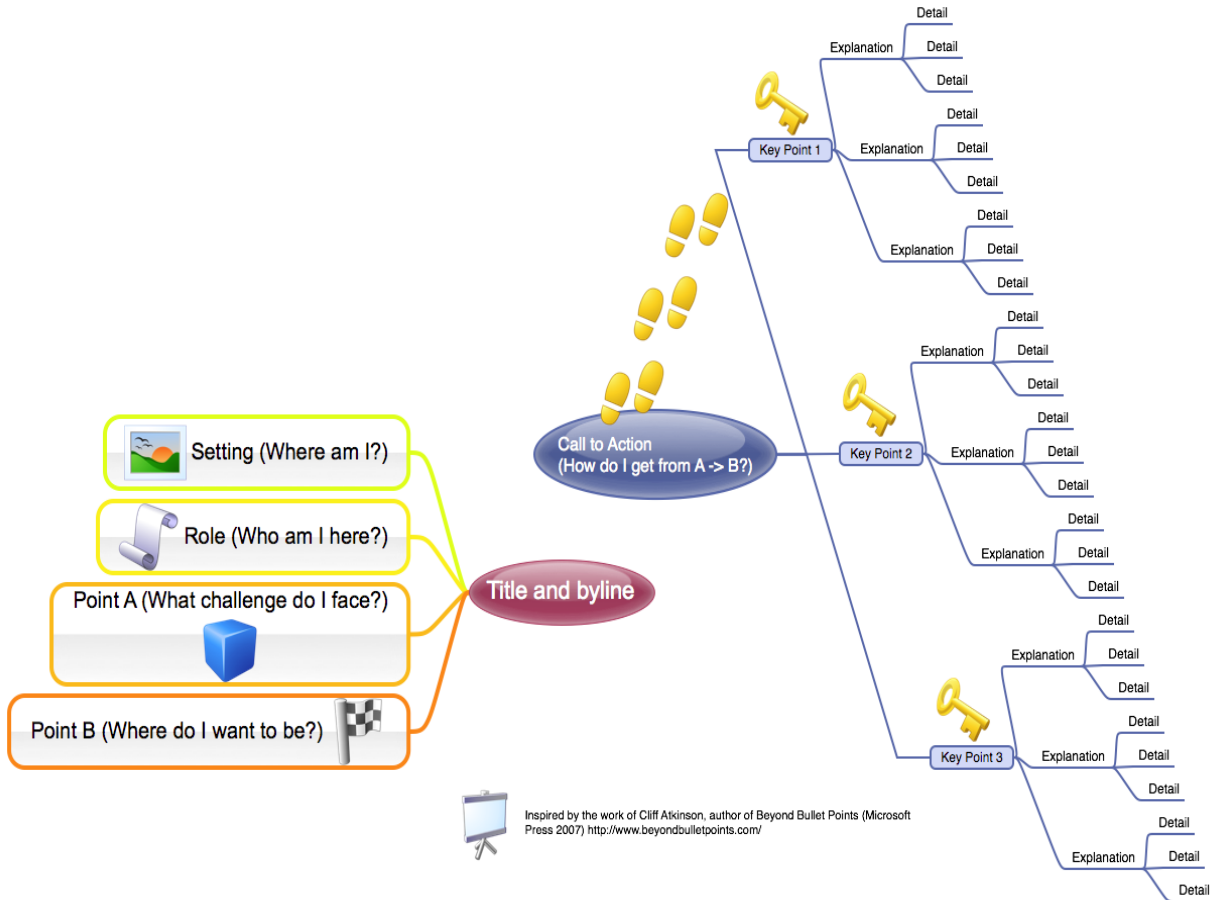
1. Creative thinkers will love mind-mapping because they are not trapped by the limited linear format of 1, 2, and 3, a, b, and c. When you get new ideas, you can just add a new branch with new key words.
2. Using a mind-map for a reference instead of long notes allows your writing to flow naturally.
3. Mind mapping allows you to see the whole related to the parts. Your thesis, chapter titles, and chapter contents all flow because you answered each question your readers had.
4. Mind-mapping organizes your chapters easily, so it is more compelling, more focused, and easier to read.
5. When time is *not* on your side, mind maps can speed up the task of locating information and keeping track of key elements of your story.

Mind mapping organizes ideas that are arranged around the central theme and encourages creative problem solving and acts as a quick review for certain subjects.

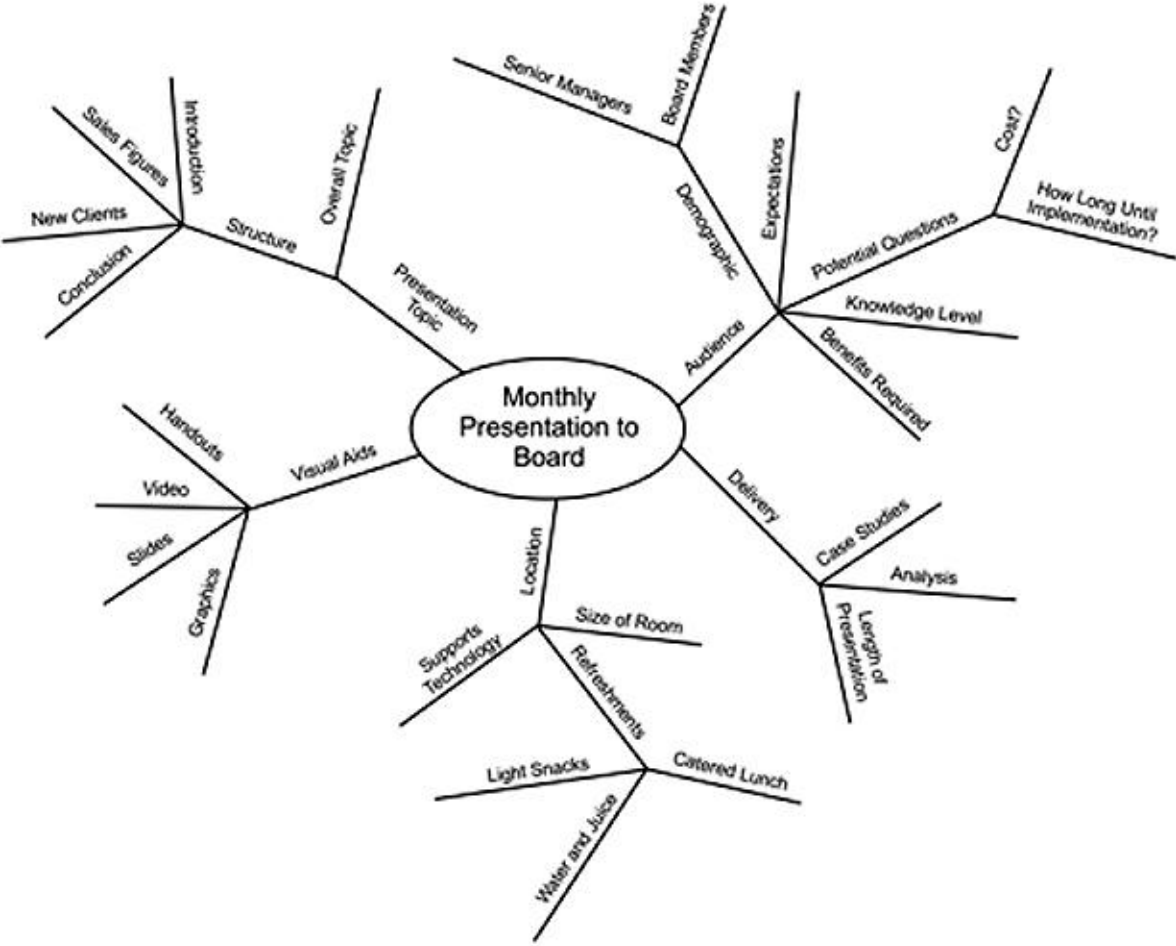
Standard Mind Map Templates



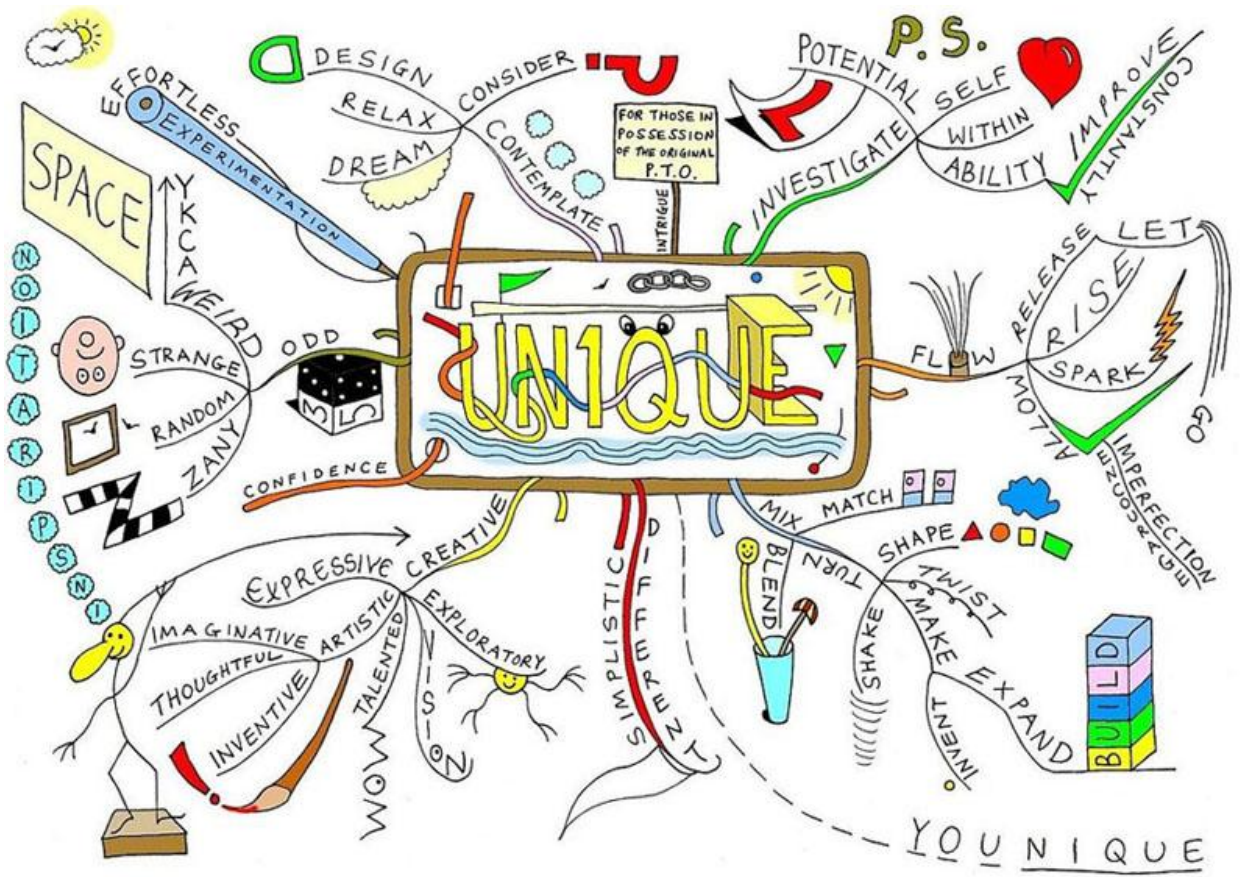




Mind Map Example



Unusual Mind Mapping Diagrams (creative)





## Mind Mapping with Text Boxes and Tables in MS Word.

### Title: Jackson

A memoir about my Jack Russell Terrier, Jackson: His life and passion for living and defending the people he loves leads him to fight for more years even as he reaches the age of 16.

### Why?

He's the dog who jumped into the ambulance and wouldn't let the bad men take his mom away. I died in the ER and when the Lord allowed me to live, I came home to a faithful dog.

### Kind of Book:

Memoir, story, maybe even a novel. Non-fiction, but could make a great fiction book and script.



The Chapters can be outlined in a table like below. This page can be a stand alone, part of a chapter or synopsis, or the entire book. Use as many pages as you want. The great thing about text boxes and table is you can change anything or add. \*Note: Tables can be a bit swirly to maneuver. You will have to adjust layout and wrapping.

Chapter One	Flight to Phoenix	Chapter Five	The Ambulance Battle
Chapter Two	Growing Up With Sparky	Chapter Six	Days on the Couch
Chapter Three	The Move to Spokane, Washington	Chapter Seven	Waiting For Her Return
Chapter Four	Mom Gets Sick	Chapter Eight	Jackson's Cancer



Use individual boxes for book elements.

**Acknowledgments:** A big thank you to our vet, Dr. Chris who never gave up on Jackson or our crazy ideas.

**Dedication:** To the dog too good to leave us. To many long days of play and sleeping in on the couch.

Approximate Pages: 250

Book Category: Memoir

Pictures? Yes

Ads in Back: Humane Society, ASPCA

Any other pertinent information can go here.