Online Graphic Organizer
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1. What was your opinion of Inspiration?

Inspiration was definitely a little bit overwhelming at first. Without a given template, to use Inspiration to its full potential, you need to be a little bit creative. It does have some really good templates that you can use, but its definitely more complex and complicated than some simpler options like Prezi.

2. How easy was the on-lines ones to do?

I really liked MindMeister. It was really simple, and it didn't feel as overwhelming. It was simple with fewer options (I only had the free version), but still had plenty of options. I liked that you had several options, were able to place things where you wanted and organized, but as someone who gets easily overwhelmed, I liked the simplicity of this website.

I also really liked Mindmup. It was sort of confusing at first, but after messing around with it for a while I got the hang of it. Personally, I still think that it was easier than Inspiration. It also had less options, and looked similar to Inspiration, but it was still simpler.

I think both would have more options if I had the paid version. I saw some things that were similar on Inspiration, but I could not do them without paying for it.

3. What are some differences between the on-line and Inspiration?

There were quite a few differences between them. First of all, Inspiration just has a lot more to offer than the online free versions. MindMeister also had a "Dark Mode" that I could not find in Inspiration. Also on Mindmup, I did not link a picture, but I connected it to part of the diagram which I thought was neat. I also thought that it was cool how you could customize the theme in Mindmup, but could also easily "reset to defaults." There were more options on the theme setup than I thought. On the flip side of things, I liked how I could hyper link part of my diagram to another page in Inspiration. That helped keep things clean and organized. I also liked how Inspiration had all of the color design options/ text options at the bottom and was easy to use. I would definitely use Inspiration if I was going to create a very large diagram that I needed to divide and link into other pages.

4. Tell me about some of the templates you found-

Inspiration definitely had the most option of templates to choose from. I also liked how Inspiration gave examples and labeled them under a subject. For example, one that I found was over some cycle of life, and I was able to apply that to my "Water Cycle" lesson. I didn't really find any templates on the online sources. I am not sure if that is because they did not offer them or because I had the free version. Templates sometimes are more of a hassle than a help if you already have in mind what you like. Other times they can give you a great idea.

5. In your opinion, how would you use a graphic organizer? How do you find creating your own as opposed to using a template?

I would use graphic organizers in different ways. I think that I would mostly use them for organizing thoughts, breaking something apart, or explaining a lesson. Just a thought, but you

could also use them to explain a family tree. I would definitely do my own if I was just trying to organize my thoughts. I would probably use a template, however, if I was trying to design a lesson. It can keep things more organized and in line how it's supposed to be.