



## SPIDERSCRIBE

<https://www.spiderscribe.net/>

 **CATEGORY:** Action

 **GRADE AND SUBJECT:** For all educational levels and all subjects.

 **SHORT DESCRIPTION:** SpiderScribe is an online-based mind-mapping and brainstorming tool that students and teachers can use to organize ideas, notes, concepts, etc.

**READING TIME:** 3 minutes  
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 **LEARNING GOALS:** Students or teachers often struggle to organize ideas or information related to a certain topic. Sometimes teaching materials presented more visually have a higher impact on students in terms of the level of attention, involvement and ability to understand and memorize concepts. SpiderScribe allows ideas and concepts to be organized through their clear and simple visual presentation.

 **MOMENTS OF NEED OF THE TOOL:** SpiderScribe can be used to fix information and concepts, explain more complex ones by simplifying and schematizing them, review lessons learned, plan projects, research topics, connect and organize ideas, and share and collaborate.

 **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY (RATING) AND AGE LEVEL:** Easy, 8+

 **WHY USE THIS TOOL:** This tool can help teachers to organize concepts and information in a visual and simpler way, teaching students to make connections among concepts and notions learned. For logical and/or visual learning, SpiderScribe can be a great tool to organize information and more complex content, such as narrations, descriptions, discussions, etc. Additionally, SpiderScribe is a collaborative tool that allows and teaches students to work together on projects or activities. It can also improve teachers' skills and create opportunities for the inclusion and involvement of students with learning difficulties.

**TOOL DESCRIPTION:** SpiderScribe is a very easy and intuitive tool that students can quickly learn to use. There are no pre-defined templates to choose from, as users can create free-form maps, adding text, images, files, geographical maps, and calendar events to create unique displays of information. Users can draw arrows to connect ideas or allow items on the map to remain freestanding. This tool can be used by students to work on projects, collaborate in groups, or submit assignments in a new way. It allows users to share maps with others, and multiple people can edit them in real-time.

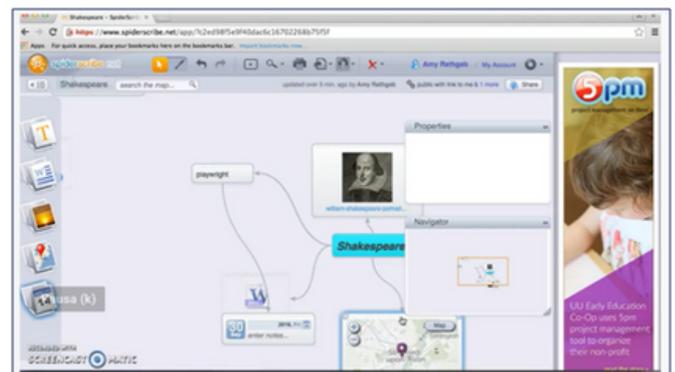
**PREPARATION AND HOW TO USE THE TOOL:** To start using SpiderScribe it is necessary to create an account. Once an initial box has been dragged in, another can be added by simply clicking and dragging to connect the two with an arrowed line, which automatically creates a natural-looking curve. It is possible to customize the map by changing box size, font size and type, and adding images, links, documents, etc. SpiderScribe allows users to create private or public maps, collaborate and share them with others. The maps can be accessed from anywhere since they are stored in the cloud.

**THE EXAMPLE:** This is an example of how to use SpiderScribe for teaching purposes:  
<https://youtu.be/5FyfvdmHrLs>

**RESOURCES NEEDED:** Computer/Notebook/  
Mobile phone – Email address – Interactive  
whiteboard – Internet connection

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:**

- Introduction to SpiderScribe  
<https://www.spiderscribe.net/videos/VideoIntroduction.php>
- SpiderScribe Blog <https://blog.spiderscribe.net/>
- How to use SpiderScribe [https://youtu.be/xDMzpj\\_YcMI](https://youtu.be/xDMzpj_YcMI)



**PROS AND CONS OF USING THE TOOL:**

**PROS** Interactivity; a wide variety of features; simple to use platform; possibility for real-time collaboration.

**CONS** Audio and video cannot be incorporated into mind maps; limited opportunities to customize map appearance; website aesthetically unappealing; Internet connection required.

**TEACHERS' RECOMMENDATION RATE (SCORE):** 3/5