

Responding to Informational Text (8R4)

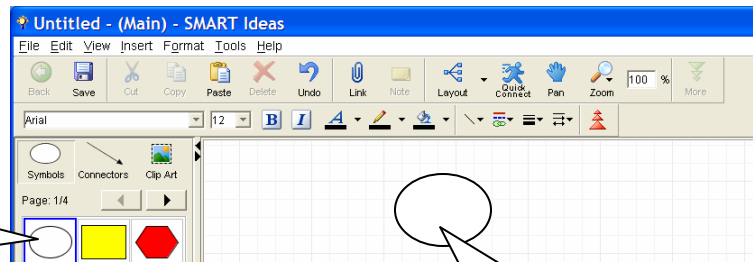
Task: Read an informational passage and create an organizer showing the main ideas and supporting details in the passage. Show connections between and among ideas and details. Include your own opinions and responses. Use the organizer to help you write a response to this passage.

Step 1: Read the passage assigned by your teacher.

Step 2: Run *Smart Ideas*.

Step 3: Place a symbol on the workspace and type the title.

To add a symbol, click and drag a symbol to the work space.

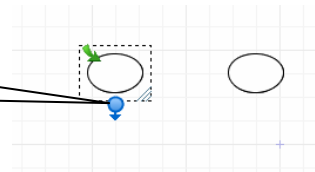


To add text in a symbol, click once inside the symbol and type the text. Press the **Enter** key.

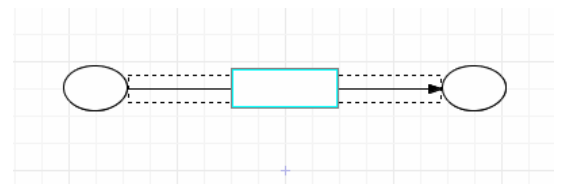
Step 4: Add a symbol for each main idea and type a concise summary of the idea in each symbol.

Step 5: For each main idea, add symbols to show the supporting details. Connect symbols using the connectors in the software, as follows:

Click and hold the pointer on the blue circle at the bottom of the shape. Drag an arrow to the shape you wish to connect.



Step 6: On the arrow connecting the main idea and a supporting detail, type your thoughts or responses to each idea. (Do you agree/disagree? Did something surprise you? Why or why not?) To type on the arrow, click the arrow twice. A text box will appear. Click in the text box, and begin typing. When finished, press the **Enter** key.



Step 7: In the symbol at the bottom of the page, write a short paragraph outlining your response to

the information presented in the reading. Use specific details and vocabulary from the reading to support your response.

Step 8: Save and print the file.

