



Text Comparison Bubbles

Summary

This is an application of the idea of using David Hyerle's Thinking Maps in the context of identifying the differences and similarities between fiction and non-fiction text

Key Concepts

Thinking Skills ; Thinking Maps ; Fiction & Non fiction

Uses

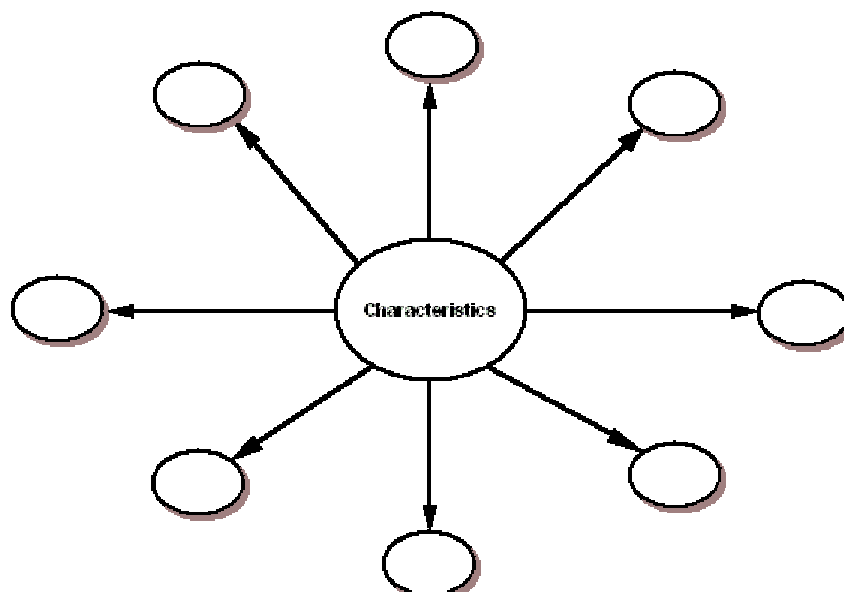
This is essentially an English exercise, but can be adapted to other subjects

It is aimed at KS1 and KS2 students

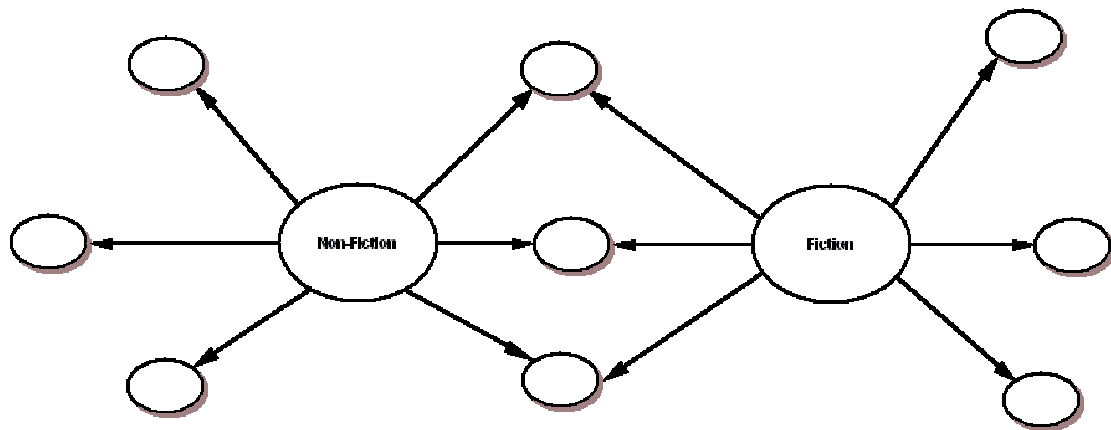
Organisation

Students are given two pieces of text to read. One is a piece of fiction and one is non-fiction. They are then asked to work in small groups to identify what characteristics apply to the fiction text and what apply to the non-fiction text. The two stages in this would be as follows...

1. Using a bubble diagram to brainstorm the characteristics, regardless of which type of text they describe



2. Step two is to get the students in their groups to identify from this whole list, those which ONLY apply to fiction text and to put these in the right hand set of bubbles on a “double bubble” diagram. The characteristics that apply only to non-fiction texts would go in the bubbles on the left side, whilst those that apply to both would go in the centre set of bubbles



Obviously you would get them to add more bubbles as they come up with more characteristics of each kind of text.

This exercise is a good way to carry out the task of identifying and categorising different criteria that really helps those learners who find it easier to process information and learning visually. It can be part of a differentiated lesson, with other, more concrete sequential learners doing the same activity, but based around a straightforward writing frame to record the differences and similarities.

Variations

This is basically an exercise in identifying and recording differences and similarities between two sets of factors. It can be used for any activity where a compare and contrast exercise is required, and hence can be used in a range of other subjects and certainly is useful for older students when preparing notes for revision purposes.

Resources

Blank sets of bubble and double bubble charts

(please note that a set of outline blank diagrams including these two is available free from the Response Education Website.)