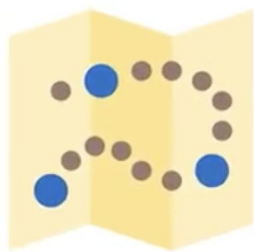


C SPACE Writing Strategy with Technology Tools



How to use the C SPACE strategy with a concept mapping tool

Students can use the C SPACE writing strategy paired with a concept map to begin writing a narrative topic. Students often struggle in organizing their thoughts when beginning to write a narrative. To help them plan out their story and give them a starting point there is a strategy called C SPACE which is part of the SRSD writing model by Graham and Harris. C SPACE helps students write stories that are interesting plus include all the necessary parts for a good story. Students focus on the strategy steps while monitoring themselves through the writing task. The result is a more effective story including each story element. C SPACE is a mnemonic.



Characters. Students should make them interesting with some changing and others staying the same.

Setting. Students identify the time and place of their story.

Purpose. Students identify the main character's problem or what he/she wants.

Action. Students describe what their character does to solve the problem or get what they want.

Conclusion. Students identify the results of the action in the previous step.

Emotion. Students state how the main characters feels.

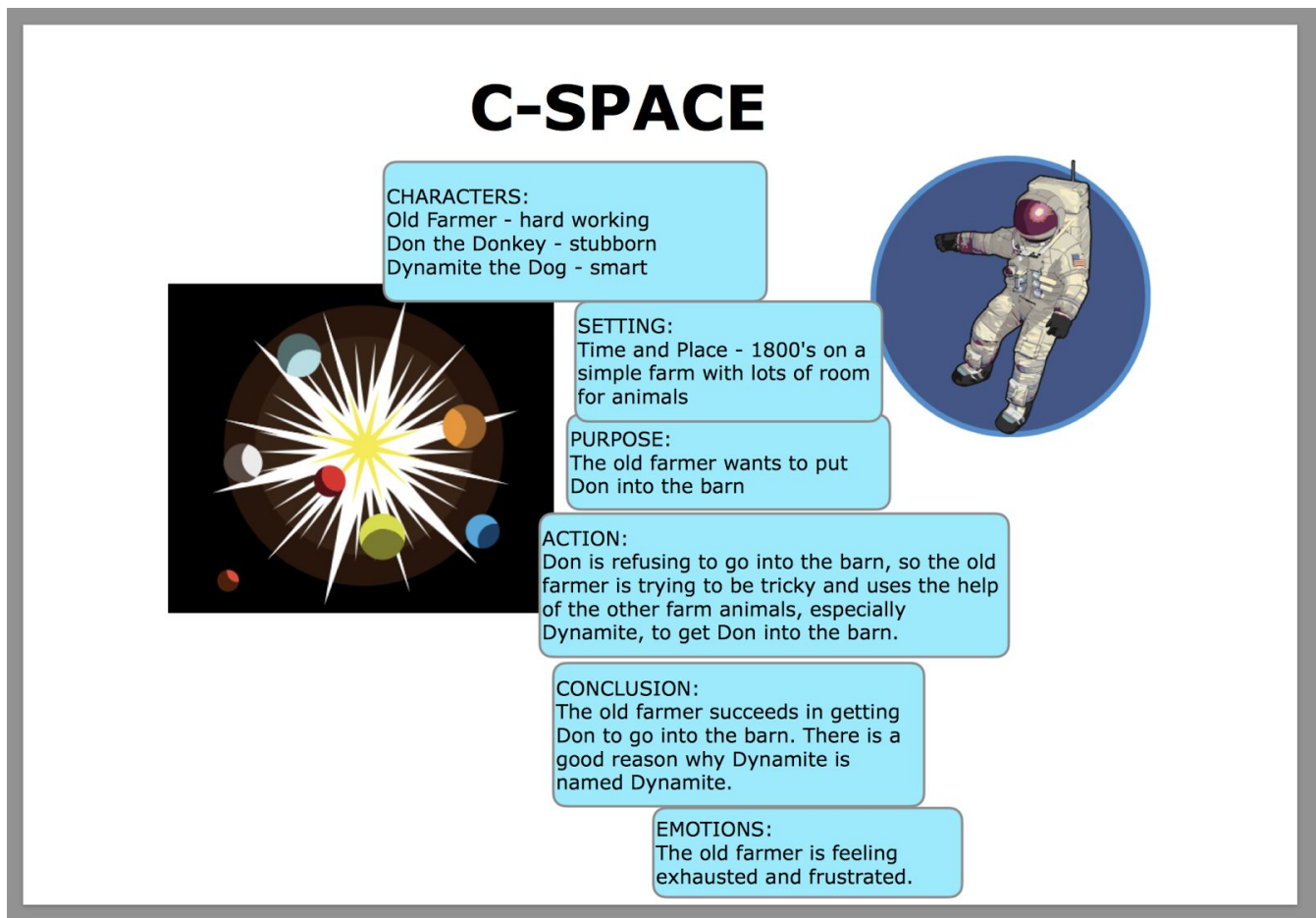


The benefits of using the strategy include memorizing the critical components of a narrative, staying focused on the story parts, organizing ideas with C SPACE notes, telling an effective story, and self-regulating their own writing.

C SPACE paired with a concept mapping tool is perfect for writing ideas and helping students plan for their first draft.

One example of a concept mapping tool is Inspiration Maps.

This app and others like it allow students to organize notes and ideas on their digital device. It gives students a fun way to move them around in order to better organize their writing. Here is an example of creating a story using the strategy with a concept map. Notice all the elements of a good story are included using C SPACE.



Using the C SPACE strategy with a concept map is a good pairing to help students use each element of a well written narrative.