√ It Out

December 19, 2017

Featured Infinitec Stops This Week

Organizational Supports

Bubbl.us
This is a simple, free online graphic organizer which allows you to save your work, print or share with others.

Circle Plot Diagram
This tool from ReadWriteThink can be used as a prewriting graphic organizer for students writing original stories with a circular plot structure (e.g., If You Take a Mouse to School), as well as a post-reading organizer used to explore the text structures in a book.

Compare & Contrast Map
This interactive graphic organizer from ReadWriteThink helps students develop an outline for one of three types of comparison essays: whole-to-whole, similarities-to-differences, or poin-to-point.

Cube Creator
Use this tool from ReadWriteThink with its four options. Bio Cube is used when writing about a biography or autobiography. Mystery Cube is used to sort out clues from a mystery or to develop outlines to write a mystery. Story Cube is used to summarize key elements in a story. Create Your Own Cube is used to generate your own questions or topics. Cubes can be saved to revise later. Specific prompts help students generate responses for each type of cube.

Education Oasis
Graphic Organizers: 58 free graphic organizers which open as Adobe files for printing.

Share the News:

Tell your district colleagues about MyInfinitec. This resource is too good to not share it!! And best of all, it's free!
Barb Lhotka, Editor barblhotka@embarqmail.com

Genre-Focused Planning Strategies
Planning strategies help students achieve the related goals of generating, organizing, and sifting ideas for a paper. Planning strategies typically use acronyms to encapsulate the multiple steps involved and some sort of graphic organizer to record ideas. Genre-focused planning strategies have the additional benefit of triggering writing ideas that fit a particular text organization structure (e.g., narrative).

Persuasion Map
The Persuasion Map from ReadWriteThink is an interactive graphic organizer that enables students to map out their arguments for a persuasive essay or debate.

The web-map on Infinitec to these resources is:
Sign in to www.myinfinitec.org → on the home page, click on the main tab for Resources → click on Access in the left menu → click on Educational Enrichment in the drop down → click on Organizational Supports in the secondary tabs at the top → click on Bubbl.us or Circle Plot Diagram or Compare & Contrast Map or Cube Creator or Education Oasis or Genre-Focused Planning Strategies or Persuasion Map

Webinars: Live

Webinars from Infinitec are free to members. They are found on the bottom right side of the home page. Click on the webinar(s) of your choice to register. All you need is a phone and a computer with internet access. The phone call is free.

On the home page of Infinitec, on the left side of the page, you will find Webinar FAQs to answer all your questions regarding participation in a webinar. You will also find a very helpful Login Guide to Webinars on the home page. (Many webinars have been archived on the website.)

Share the News:

Tell your district colleagues about MyInfinitec. This resource is too good to not share it!! And best of all, it's free!
Barb Lhotka, Editor barblhotka@embarqmail.com