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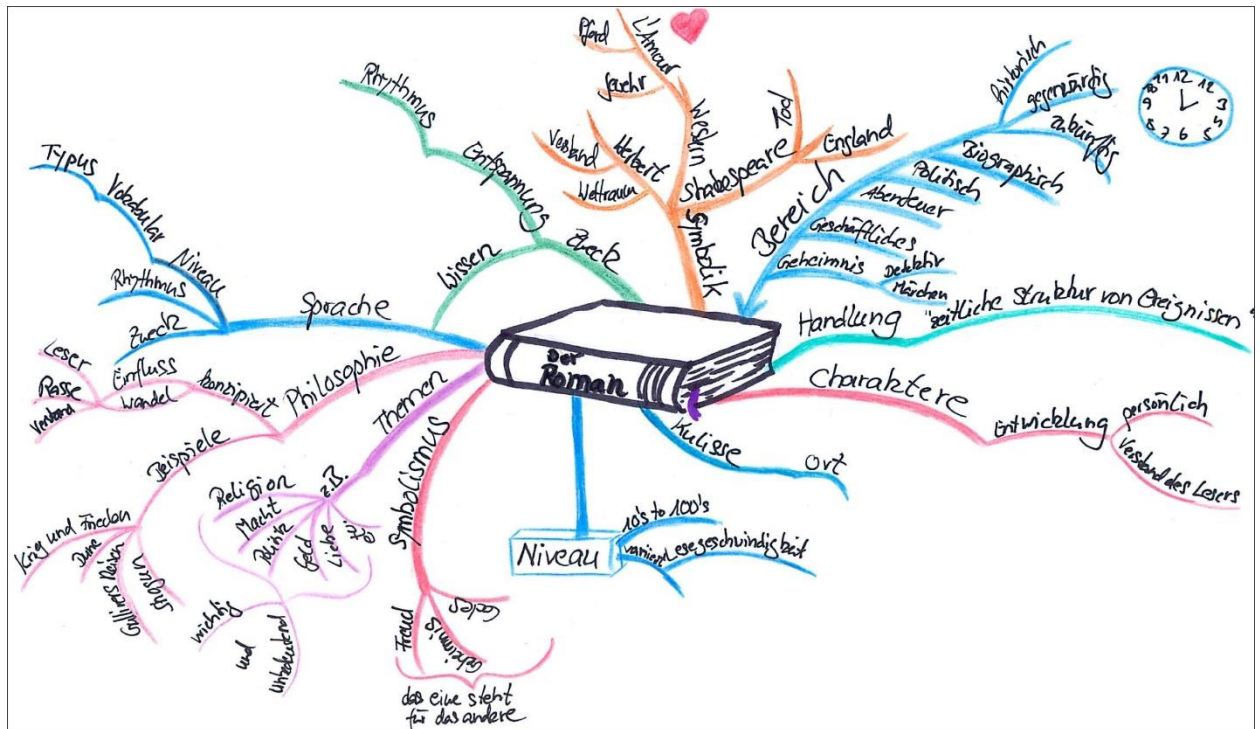
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## Mind Map Mini-Lesson Plan

(modified from <https://www.thoughtco.com/using-a-mind-map-for-reading-comprehension-1212017>)

- Introduce the concept of a Mind Map by showing students Mind Maps posted online. Just go to Google and search "Mind Map." You'll find plenty of examples.



- As a class, create a Mind Map of the story you are currently working on.
  - Start with the main character. Ask students to identify the main areas of that character's life. In this case the class chose *family, friends, work* and *school*.
  - Ask students about the particulars of each category. Who are the people? What events happen? Where does the story take place?
- Once you've provided the basic outline, ask students to either draw the map on a piece of paper, or use Mind Mapping software (freemind.com, mindmeister.com).
- Ask students to fill in the Mind Map noting the relationships, main events, difficulties, etc., for each of the categories.
- How deep you ask students to go into the story depends on your objectives/goals.
- Have students compare and contrast the maps they create.

## Extension Activities

- Use the map to discuss the relationships between the characters, places, etc., to partners. Each student can choose one arm of the map to discuss at length.
- Use the map as a written activity by asking students to write an accompanying explanatory text to the map.
- Ask students to really dig into the details by further mapping out one or two arms of the map.

