

English 8.2.21

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Planning an information text about Charles Darwin and Evolution.TBQ: Can I plan my writing by noting ideas and using research to develop these ideas?

Today you will plan the **information text** based on **Darwin and Evolution**.

Remember that your end of unit write helps your teacher to decide how well you are doing in English. This piece of writing should therefore be your **very best effort**, and the same standard as you would try to produce within class.

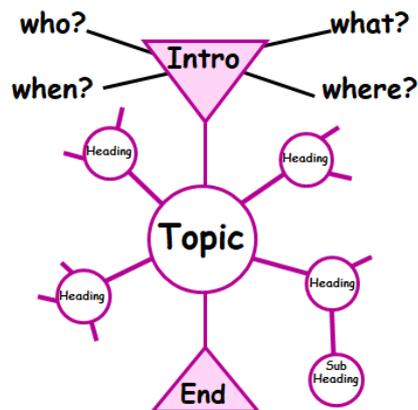
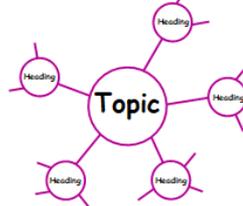
You can select and include any of the information from topic, but you must **organise it coherently**, so that it makes sense to the reader.

Below is an example of how you can organise your plan into a spidergram.

Remember that similar information should be grouped together. These will form your paragraphs.

Planning and organising reports 1

- **BRAINSTORM** what you know
- **ORGANISE** your information under headings (find out more facts if you need to).
- Make a **SPIDERGRAM** skeleton
 - write the **topic** in the middle blob
 - write your **headings** in the outer blobs
 - jot your **memory-joggers** round each heading.



When you have made your spidergram skeleton, each spider-leg gives you one paragraph (or section in your writing).

Here is an example spidergram. It is for a butterfly. Your report WILL NOT be on a butterfly, it will be about CHARLES DARWIN and EVOLUTION.

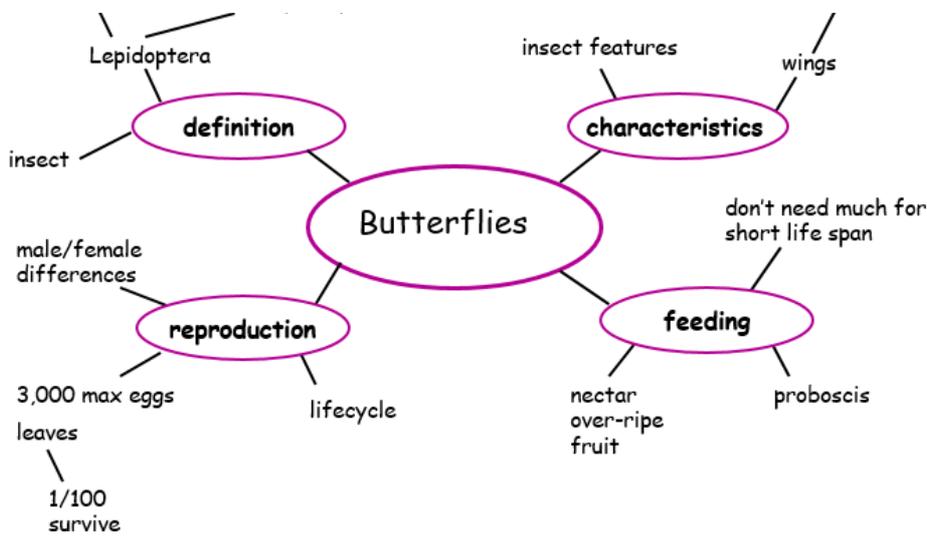
3. Spidergram

(adding to information from 2 though further readings)

coiled proboscis

scaly body/wings

scales/veins



Chilli Challenge:

Now draw a spidergram about **Charles Darwin** and his **Theory of Evolution**. You do not have to include everything you know, be selective and choose the information you wish to include in your information text.

First of all think of some **subheadings** that you may wish to write about. Then **add the different facts** that may be included under that subheading.

I have attached some videos, information and useful words and phrases below, if you need it.

Useful Words and Phrases

Technical vocabulary

adaptation
 evolution
 species
 specimen
 inheritance
 habitat
 natural selection
 genetics
 environment
 variation
 extinct
 survival of the fittest
 origin of species
 H.M.S Beagle

Extended Noun phrases

survival of the fittest
 heavy beaked birds
 round hairy ape

Adverbials for Cohesion

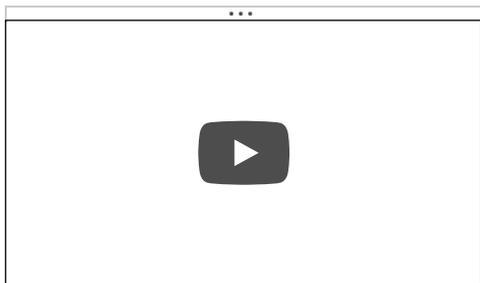
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Preposition

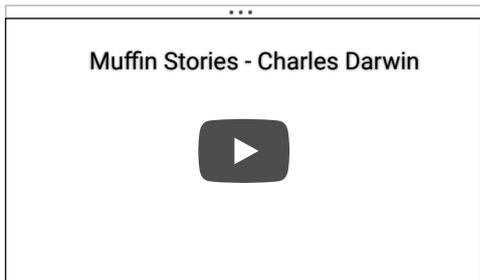
in
 on
 above
 behind
 under/underneath
 over
 in front
 below
 before
 on top of
 across
 in the ground

[Charles Darwin and Evolution](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOB6os-6uuc>

[Muffin Stories - Charles Darwin](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du78P-Agq9s&feature=emb_logo



Here is some extra information, if you want to read more.

<https://www.willowprimaryschool.co.uk/charles-darwin/> (this website includes links to both of the videos above included).

This link is for confident readers:

https://kids.kiddle.co/Charles_Darwin