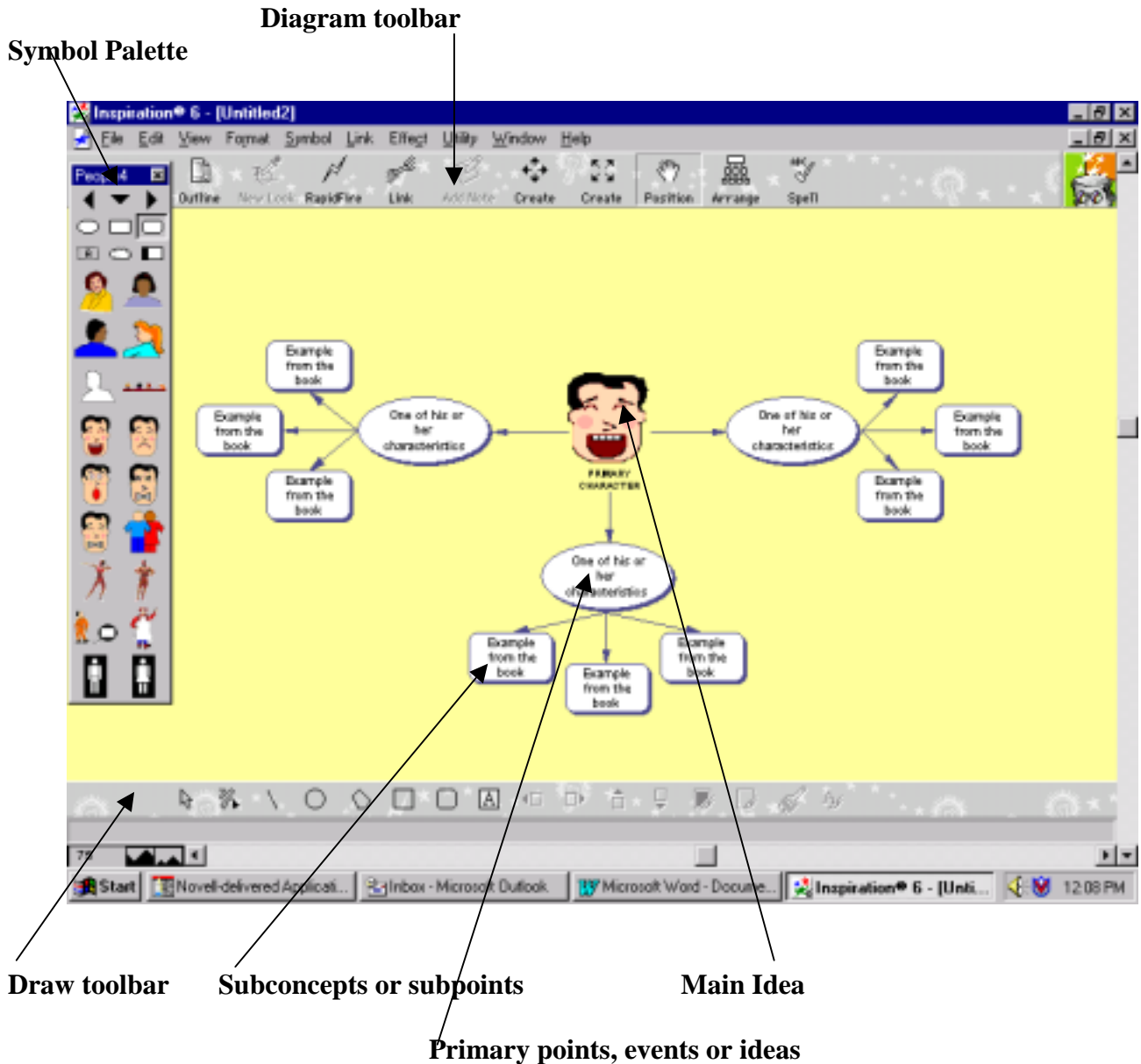


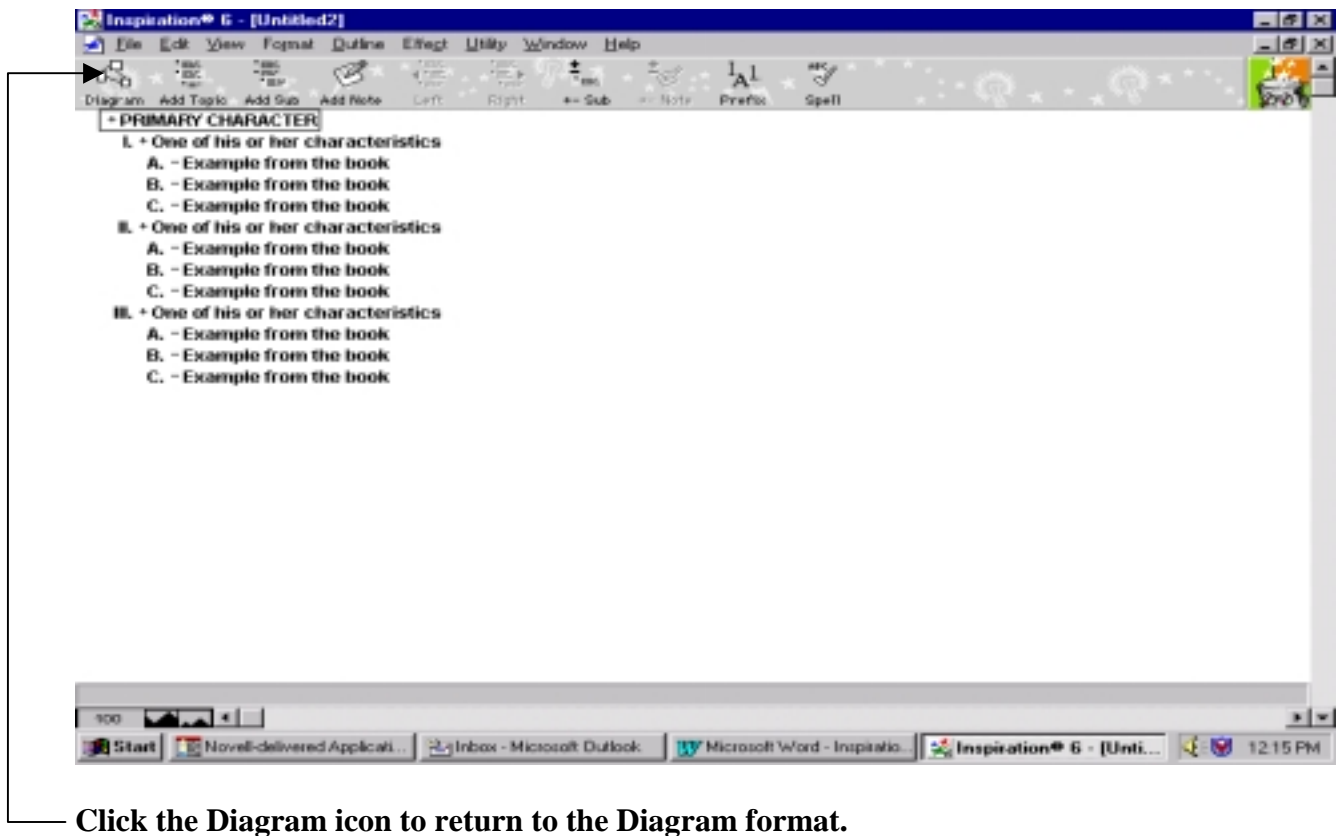
Inspiration Ideas

Inspiration provides you with the tools to create a picture of your ideas or concepts in the form of a diagram. It also provides an integrated outlining environment for you to develop your ideas into organized written documents.

Inspiration has two main views or environments: Diagram view and Outline view. As you work, both keep track of your ideas. Sometimes you will work exclusively in Diagram view to create a diagram or a map showing how ideas or concepts interconnect. Other times you will work in Outline view where you might organize and write a report. Here's what Diagram view looks like:



The same information can be displayed in Outline form by simply clicking on the Outline icon on the toolbar. See below.



Possible Uses:

- After reading a story with your class, open the Language Arts – Character template and complete the template with the class, while discussing one of the main characters in the story.
- Use **Inspiration** to create your own graphic organizer for a class project.
- Teach students about a sequence of events with a diagram of the events in a story.
- Pick an ordinary task, such as baking a cake or tying a shoelace, and break it into sequential steps. Create a diagram showing each of those steps, placing them in random order. Challenge your students to put them in the correct sequence.
- Document the progress of events in an experiment with an Inspiration diagram.
- Create a timeline.
- Brainstorm with students before an assignment. You'll find out what they already know about a subject and help them focus. Students can brainstorm together in small groups or you can do this as an entire class.

The Inspiration website has a variety of sample activities.

http://www.inspiration.com/kidspiration/pro_develop/resources.html