

# Apps for Writing Classes

Since our students use their smart phones and tablets more often than perhaps we'd like them to, we can help them with their writing with free apps!



**Idea Sketch** lets students easily draw a diagram - mind map, concept map, or flow chart - and convert it to a text outline, and vice versa. They can use Idea Sketch for brainstorming new ideas, illustrating concepts, making lists and outlines, planning presentations, and creating organizational charts.



**Inspiration Maps** lets students create concept maps, cause and effect diagrams, and process flows.



With **Easy Bib**, students can create accurate MLA, APA, and Chicago style citations by scanning a book bar code or by typing the name of a book.

Afterwards, they can send the citations by e-mail and export them to EasyBib.com's bibliography management service.



**SimpleMind** for iOS is a Mind Mapping tool that turns an iPad, iPhone or iPod Touch into a brainstorming, idea collection, and thought structuring device.



**Quizlet** is a free website providing learning tools including flashcards, spelling, and test mode.



**Grammar Up** provides a quiz system with more than 1,800 grammar questions in 20 different categories. Older students can use the quizzes to help prepare for various tests and exams by going through categories of questions or they can simulate the test environment with random questions. The quiz format and real-time error feedback provide students with the opportunity to improve their

strategies for grammar success.



**Writing Prompts** from iTunes uses pictures, colors, words, genres, and different types of writing to provide creative inspiration for writers and writing students.



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