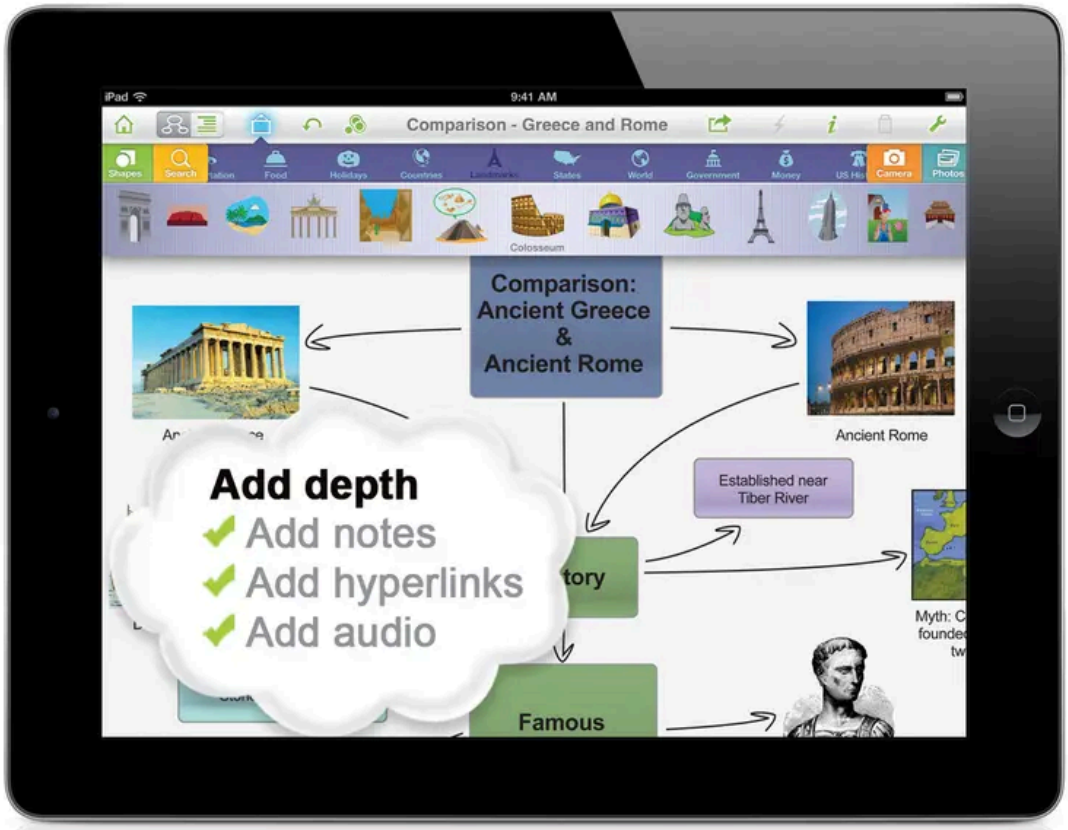
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Inspiration Maps

The Insider's Guide

Concept-map and outline app for iPad, iPhone and Mac



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among whiteboard and mind map tools, read from Inspiration Maps's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Inspiration Maps's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Inspiration Maps's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 58 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade

Inspiration Maps is a visual thinking app for students that builds concept maps, graphic organizers and outlines, and switches any diagram into an outline and back. It is published by Diagramming Apps, LLC and sold through the App Store and Mac App Store.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Inspiration Maps**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> "
>
> **No rating on record, but it is an app you install and start using.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for concept maps and outlines on Apple devices**

It runs only on Apple devices, there is no team editing, and the iPad version is free for five documents before an in-app purchase.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $9.99 one-time (Mac App Store).

3 **There is a free plan**

iPad and iPhone app: up to five documents free before an in-app purchase unlocks full, unlimited use.

4 **It runs on 2 platforms**

iOS and macOS.

5 **Diagram and outline views**

Diagrams turn into outlines and back again, so the same ideas can be mapped first and written up afterward.

6 **RapidFire brainstorming**

A quick-capture brainstorming tool records ideas as they come, then you drag, drop and link them into structure.

7 **Templates for school subjects**

Built-in templates cover language arts, history, science and thinking and planning, with extra templates in French, Spanish and UK English.

8 **A 2.6 GPA, above 58 of 98**

That is against the other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

The plain part of Inspiration Maps you could make: mind mapping. What surrounds it you could not. The 2 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

Inspiration Maps at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $9.99 one-time (Mac App Store)	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, iOS
MADE BY Diagramming Apps, LLC	CATEGORY Whiteboards & Mind Maps
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for concept maps and outlines on Apple devices

Inspiration Maps makes diagrams and outlines for school-style mapping, with a $9.99 one-time Mac app. It runs only on Apple devices, there is no team editing, and the iPad version is free for five documents before an in-app purchase.

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Inspiration Maps

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	The Mac app is $9.99 once, under a year of the $8.25 monthly middle for whiteboard tools.
Free plan and trial	C	The iPad and iPhone app is free for up to five documents, then you pay. The Mac app is paid from the start.
Features	C	Diagram and outline views, brainstorming, templates and a graphic library. The listing says custom templates and unlimited documents on iPad are paid, and it has no collaboration.
Ease of use	B	No rating on record, but it is an app you install and start using.
Platforms and integrations	C	Apple only: Mac, iPad and iPhone, with Dropbox, AirDrop and iCloud. No web, Windows or Android.

Grade point average — Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Inspiration Maps is for

- ✓ Fits if you map ideas for a class or an essay on a Mac or iPad
- ✓ Works for students who want a one-time price, not a subscription

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use Windows or Android, as it is Apple only
- ✗ Tight if you stay free: five documents on iPad
- ✗ Not for you if you work with others live, as there is no real-time editing
- ✗ Watch out: the iPad in-app purchase price was not shown on the pages we read

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Students building concept maps and outlines on an iPad
- ✓ Teachers buying copies in bulk through Apple's volume program
- ✓ Writers who plan in a diagram before drafting

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It runs only on Apple devices; there is no web, Windows or Android version.
- ⓘ Custom templates, file sharing with other apps and unlimited documents on iPad need the paid upgrade.
- ⓘ It has no real-time team collaboration or whiteboard canvas.
- ⓘ The iPad and iPhone in-app purchase amount was not shown on the listing text read here.

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What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$9.99 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

Inspiration Maps has a free plan. Paid plans start at $9.99 one-time (Mac App Store).

> **The iPad and iPhone app is free for up to five documents, then you pay.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

IPAD AND IPHONE (FREE TO START)

$0

Create up to five documents free; an in-app purchase, with no amount shown on the listing, unlocks everything.

MAC APP

$9.99

one-time purchase on the Mac App Store

Separate Mac app that requires macOS 11.0 or later.

The free plan

iPad and iPhone app: up to five documents free before an in-app purchase unlocks full, unlimited use.

Read from apps.apple.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

EDUCATION

50% off in Apple's Volume Purchase Program

Inspiration Maps VPP is discounted 50% in Apple's Volume Purchase Program for Education when 20 or more copies are bought.

Stated on inspiration-at.com

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: macOS and iOS

Concept-map and outline app for iPad, iPhone and Mac. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, mind mapping, diagrams.

> **Diagram and outline views, brainstorming, templates and a graphic library.**
>
> From our grade for features

Diagram and outline views

Diagrams turn into outlines and back again, so the same ideas can be mapped first and written up afterward.

RapidFire brainstorming

A quick-capture brainstorming tool records ideas as they come, then you drag, drop and link them into structure.

Templates for school subjects

Built-in templates cover language arts, history, science and thinking and planning, with extra templates in French, Spanish and UK English.

Graphic library and media

A library of over 1,500 searchable graphics, images from the web or camera, attached notes, hyperlinks and recorded audio.

Windows file exchange

Documents can be imported from and exported to Inspiration 11 for Windows once the app is fully unlocked.

Where it runs

macOS iOS

What it works with

Dropbox AirDrop iCloud

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Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

58/98

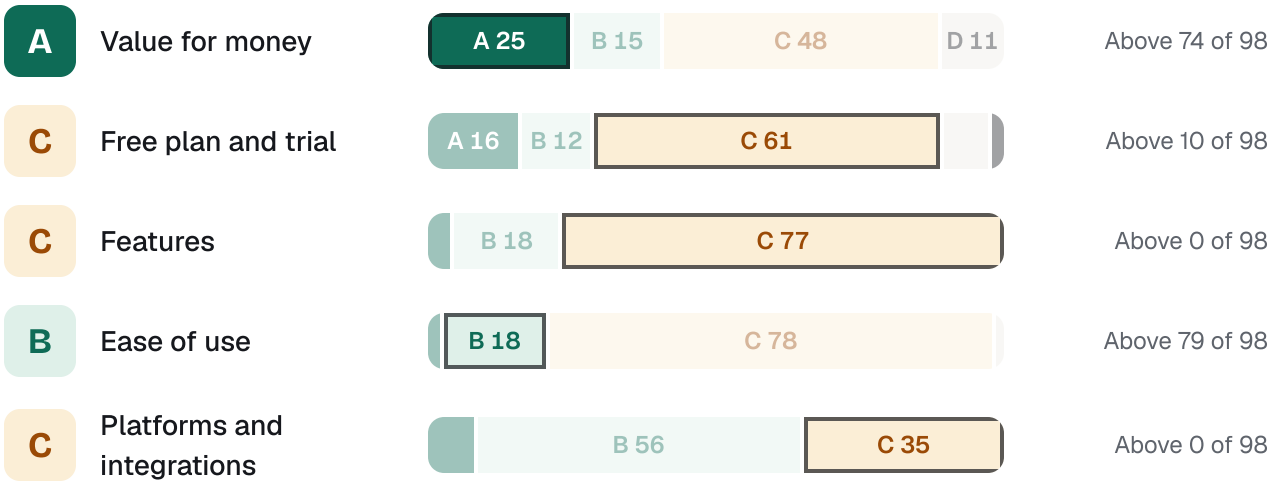
Other whiteboard and mind map tools it is graded above

Inspiration Maps's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 58 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, and level with 16.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 74 of 98) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 99 whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Inspiration Maps's own letter is outlined.



Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

The plain part of Inspiration Maps you could make: mind mapping. What surrounds it you could not. The 2 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

It costs $9.99, paid once.

What you could make

- Mind mapping: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- A diagram editor.
- Apps for macOS and iOS that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. Inspiration Maps's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



MindNode, Mindly and SimpleMind

The 3 tools Inspiration Maps is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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MindNode

Free plan · from $2.99/mo

Mind mapping and outlining app for Apple devices.

- Inspiration Maps can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- MindNode is end-to-end encrypted, according to its own site.
- Inspiration Maps also covers diagrams.

Inspiration Maps and MindNode compared in full

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Mindly

Free trial · from $3.99/mo

Mind mapping app for phones and tablets, one idea at a time.

- Inspiration Maps has a free plan. Mindly does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Inspiration Maps lists a macOS app.
- Only Mindly lists an Android app.

Inspiration Maps and Mindly compared in full



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SimpleMind

Free plan · from $10.99 one-time

Mind mapping app sold as a one-time purchase per platform.

- Only SimpleMind lists Windows and Android apps.
- Inspiration Maps also covers diagrams.

Inspiration Maps and SimpleMind compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Inspiration Maps free?

Inspiration Maps has a free plan. iPad and iPhone app: up to five documents free before an in-app purchase unlocks full, unlimited use.

How much does Inspiration Maps cost?

Inspiration Maps lists 2 plans. iPad and iPhone (free to start): $0. Mac app: $9.99 one-time purchase on the Mac App Store.

What platforms does Inspiration Maps work on?

Inspiration Maps is available on iOS and macOS.

Does Inspiration Maps offer any discounts?

Inspiration Maps publicly lists the following: 50% off in Apple's Volume Purchase Program.

Does Inspiration Maps have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Inspiration Maps is listed for iOS and macOS.

Does Inspiration Maps have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Inspiration Maps is listed for iOS and macOS.

Is Inspiration Maps open source?

Inspiration Maps is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does Inspiration Maps integrate with?

Inspiration Maps's listing names Dropbox, AirDrop and iCloud. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Does Inspiration Maps have a student discount?

50% off in Apple's Volume Purchase Program. Inspiration Maps VPP is discounted 50% in Apple's Volume Purchase Program for Education when 20 or more copies are bought.

Who makes Inspiration Maps?

Inspiration Maps is made by Diagramming Apps, LLC.

What are the alternatives to Inspiration Maps?

The closest alternatives to Inspiration Maps in our directory are MindNode, Mindly and SimpleMind.

How does Inspiration Maps compare with other whiteboard and mind map tools?

Inspiration Maps's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 58 of the 98 other whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, and level with 16.

Could I make my own version of Inspiration Maps?

The plain part of Inspiration Maps you could make: mind mapping. What surrounds it you could not.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Inspiration Maps's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Inspiration Software's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews. The $9.99 Mac price was not shown on the vendor page, so it comes from the listing.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Diagramming Apps, LLC. Prices change, so check inspiration-at.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

7,721

Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Inspiration Maps, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/inspiration-maps

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Prices and grades as they are today

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See our other guides

The best-graded whiteboard and mind map tools after Inspiration Maps, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Whiteboards & Mind Maps Insider's Guide

Every one of the 99 whiteboard and mind map tools we grade, compared

Microsoft Whiteboard Insider's Guide

Free collaborative canvas built into Microsoft 365 and Teams

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draw.io Insider's Guide

Free diagram editor that saves files to storage you choose

3.2 GPA

tldraw Insider's Guide

Free online whiteboard with a local desktop app

3.2 GPA

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Choosing software? Every tool graded, every price dated.

Compare tools at toolgpa.com ›

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