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Organising Ideas & Essay Structure



Romeo + Juliet



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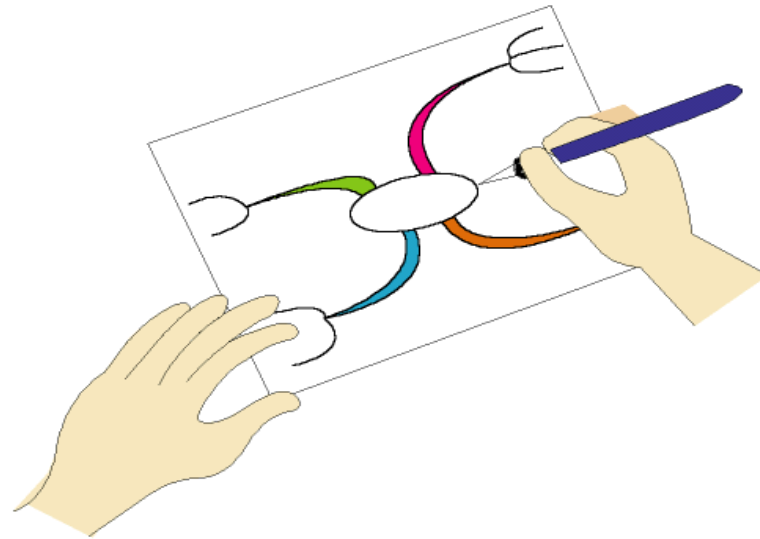
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Mind Mapping

The Powerful Brain-Friendly
Thinking Tool



Mind Mapping

- Page is landscape
- Central image
- Sub-topics
- Detail
- All lines are connected
- One word/picture per branch
- Use colour

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Key Words

When creating a Mind Map
read through the information
to find the key words.



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Creating Branches

Divide the text into different sections and create a colour coded branch for each section.



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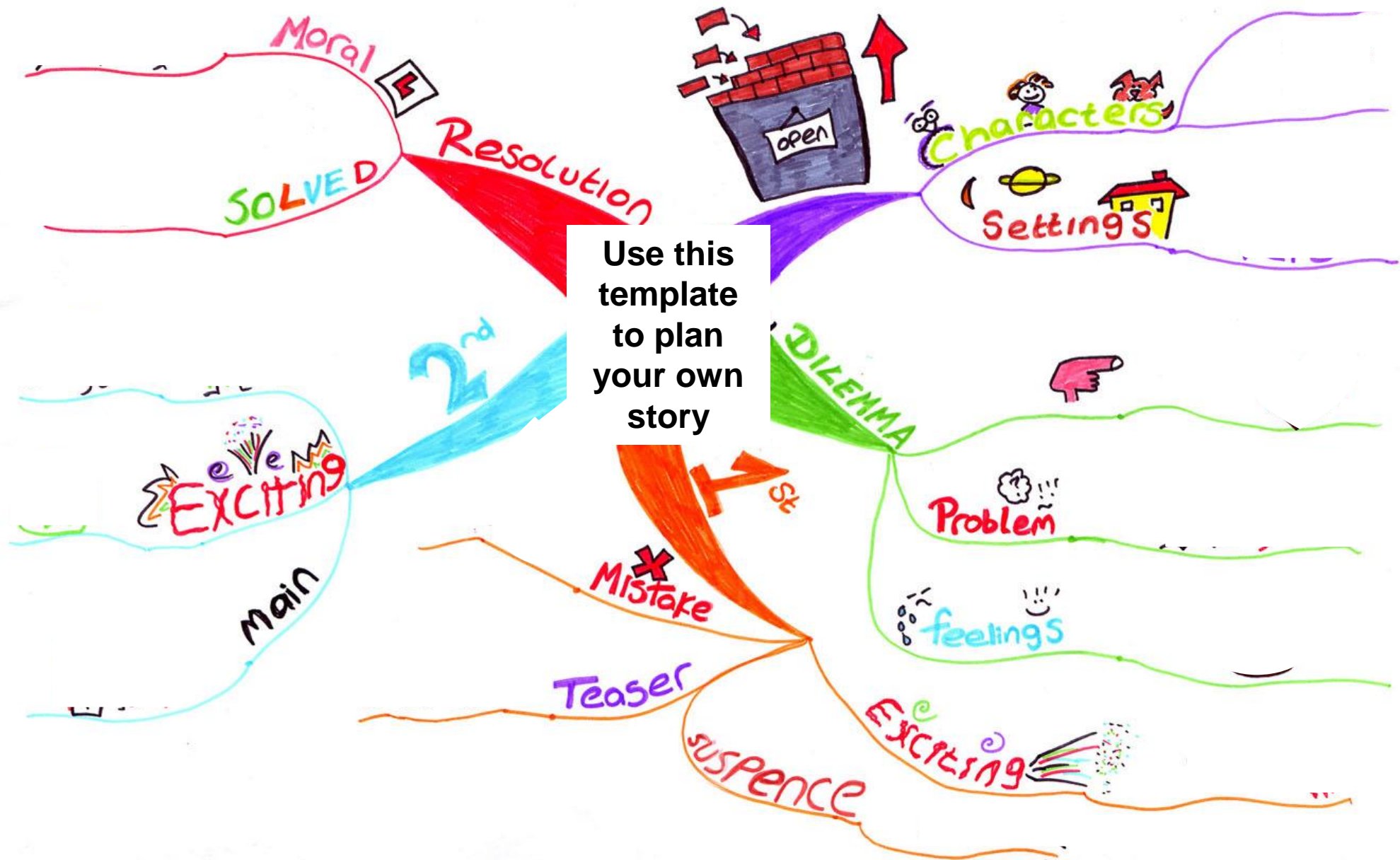
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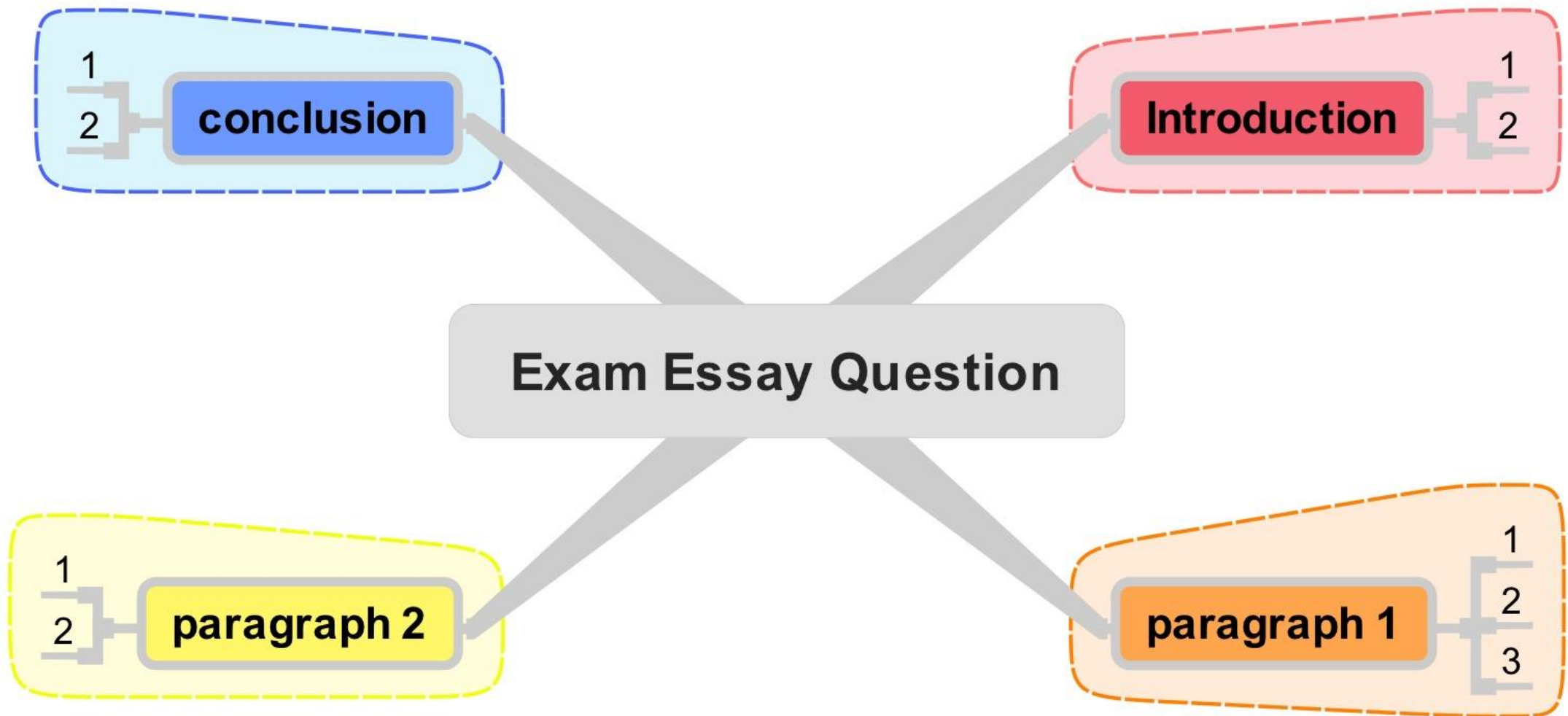
Translate your key words into pictures or symbols and add them to the relevant branch.

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