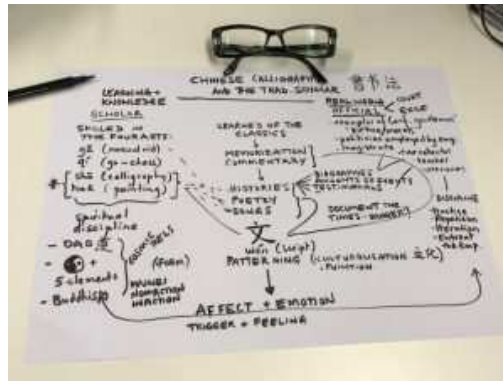


1. Mind maps

Mind maps use text to develop ideas. This is the most common form of organising ideas. They can be used as part of the brainstorming process as a first attempt to organise your ideas, and further developed into planning documents in which you map out the structure of your text.

Brainstorming

This brainstorm on 'Chinese calligraphy and the scholar' is an attempt to illustrate the relationship between the Chinese traditional scholar-official and calligraphy, from pragmatic and spiritual perspectives. It makes some links, but still needs to be developed further.



Planning your text

You can develop your thesis, dissertation, presentation or research paper as a 'map' that you add text to under headings and sub-headings. You can revise the map as your research develops.

Here is an example of a mind map that is developed out of the brainstorm above.

