

## Using the SMART Board Brainstorming

- Give students time for brainstorming on a given topic. Record shared ideas and allow students to drag and drop ideas onto other thumbnail slides to group ideas.

## **Generating questions for research**

- On the first slide in a Notebook file, record questions for research. Form a second slide titled "Right there" and a third "Inference Questions". As a scaffold tool for your students, drag and drop research questions from the first slide to one of the other slides indicating what type of question students will be researching.

## **Make your own background**

- Have students design background slides (example - one of each kind of studied habitat). Insert animal clip art (from the Collections Gallery). Students drag and drop to thumbnail slides each animal to its habitat.

## **A picture's worth a thousand words**

- Insert a picture into Notebook. Use it as a story starter, allow students to infer what is happening, or draw conclusions from the picture. **Group editing and sharing**
- Errors and shared items are much easier to see on the SMART Board. Give students an opportunity to do the sharing and editing at the SMART Board.

## **Saving Notebook for future lessons**

- Save the Notebook file for the continuation of future lessons, to revisit a KWL chart, or to allow absent students access to prior day's class notes.

## **SMART Ideas**

- Use SMART Ideas to build graphic organizers and concept maps. Students participate in creating a web around studies content therefore making their own connections about the learned objectives.

## Orienting the SMART Board

For precise, exact interaction with the SMART Board, you will need to orient the SMART Board. To do this either select "Orient" from the SMART Board tools or push the onscreen and mouse right click button on the electronic pen tray at the same time.

## An inactive SMART Board

If the power light is **red**, try to reconnect the SMART Board by initiating the automatic SMART hardware detection by follow these steps:

1. Open the SMART Board tools and select Control Panel.
2. From the Control Panel, make sure the Boards tab is selected. Then under "Serial Ports" select "Connect".
3. Then select "Detect SMART Hardware".

## **SMART Board lessons**

- Lessons in SMART Notebook ready to download at <http://edcompass.smarttech.com/en/learning/activities/notebook.aspx>

# Integrating the SMART Board into your classroom

