

# IDEAGRAMS

LESSON SIX

HOW TO BUILD AN  
IDEAGRAM

AND

A UNIQUE CHART  
THAT ANALYSES THE  
PHASES OF LIFE

## IDEAGRAMS:

- THINK VISUALLY
- CONCENTRATE
- ANALYZE CONTENT

## IDEAGRAM

THIS IS AN INNOVATIVE WAY OF ANALYZING WRITTEN MATERIAL BY MAKING AN OUTLINE IN A NETWORK DIAGRAM FORMAT

AS PROMISED IN LESSON FIVE NOW WE BEGIN TO INTRODUCE HOW THIS PROCESS CAN BE APPLIED TO WRITTEN MATERIAL

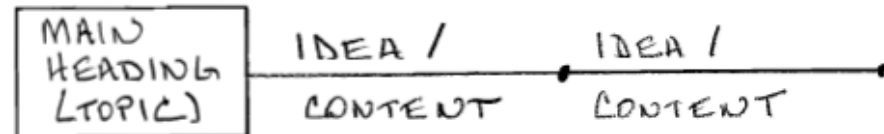
THE NEXT PAGE ILLUSTRATES A PARTIAL ANALYSIS OF SHAKESPEARE'S PLAY "TWELFTH NIGHT"

FOR AN OUTLINE OF WRITTEN MATERIAL:

MAIN HEADING

DESCRIPTION

LOGIC



# TWELFTH NIGHT

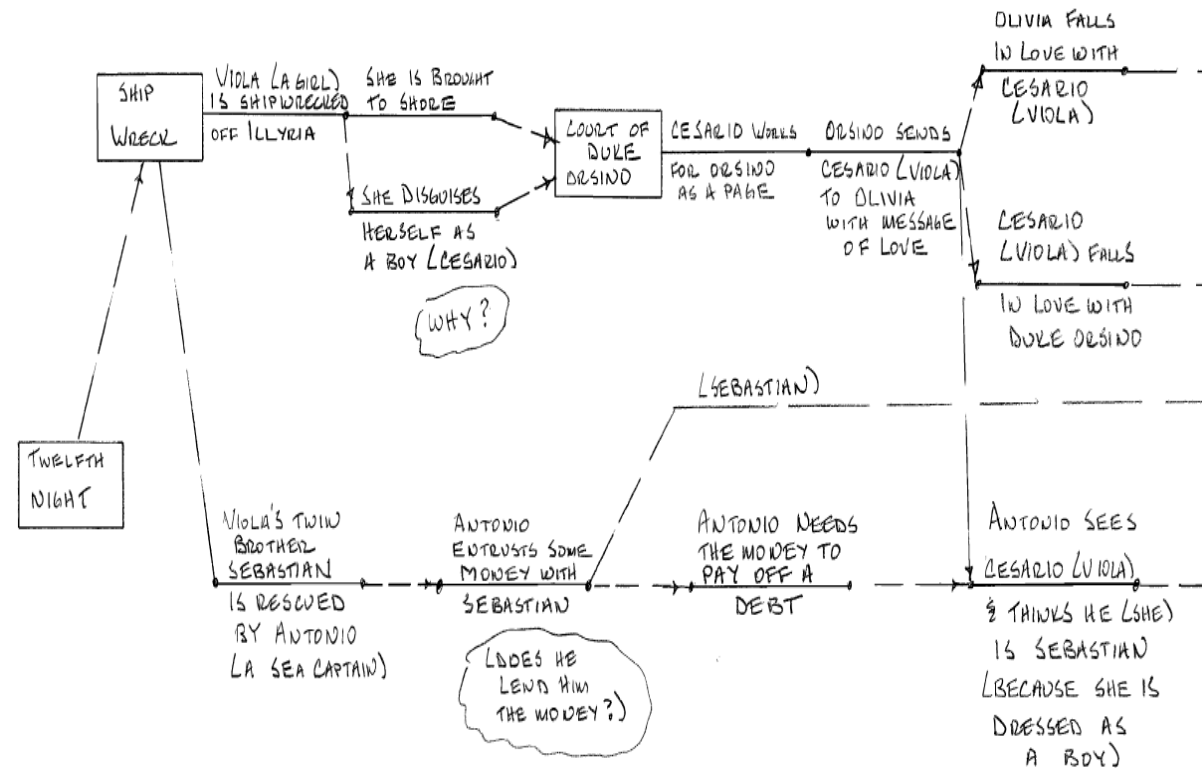
A PARTIAL OUTLINE OF THE PLOT FROM THE PLAY BY SHAKESPEARE

MY SPECIAL FRIEND TEACHES A SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

THEY HAD TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING THE PLOT OF THIS PLAY SO SHE ASKED ME TO HELP

SHE WROTE A BRIEF SYNOPSIS THAT I DIAGRAMMED TO HELP HER EXPLAIN THE PLOT TO THE STUDENTS

AMONG OTHER TOOLS SHE USED THESE CHARTS TO HELP THEM VISUALISE THE PLOT

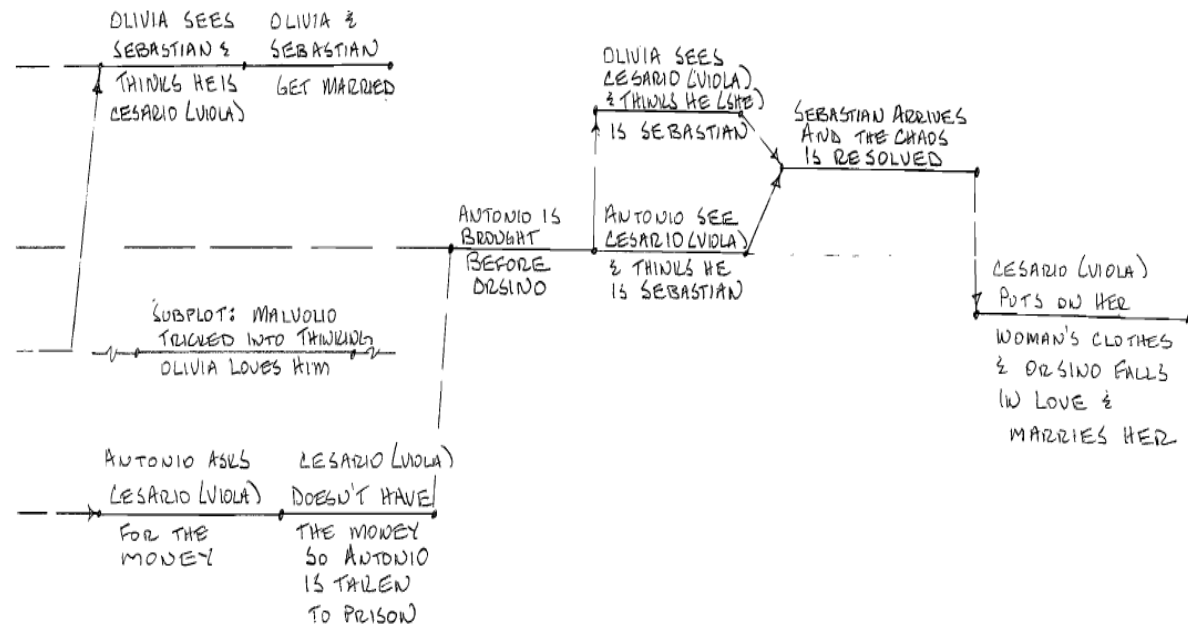


## TWELFTH NIGHT

THIS IS THE SECOND PAGE OF THE CHART

IT IS EASIER TO READ IF THE CHARTS ARE PLACED SIDE BY SIDE

MY FRIEND SAID SHE THOUGHT HER CLASS UNDERSTOOD THE PLAY BETTER THAN MOST OF THE OTHER STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL !!



## LIFE PHASES CHART

- WHEN I TAUGHT THE VISUAL DIAGRAMMING CLASS TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS DURING THE SUMMER OF 2016 I ASKED IF ANYBODY THOUGHT THEY COULD PREDICT THE FUTURE ?
- THEY ALL SAID NO
- THE FOLLOWING IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE CHARTS

# INTRODUCE: Life Phases Chart

## CAN YOU PREDICT YOUR FUTURE ?

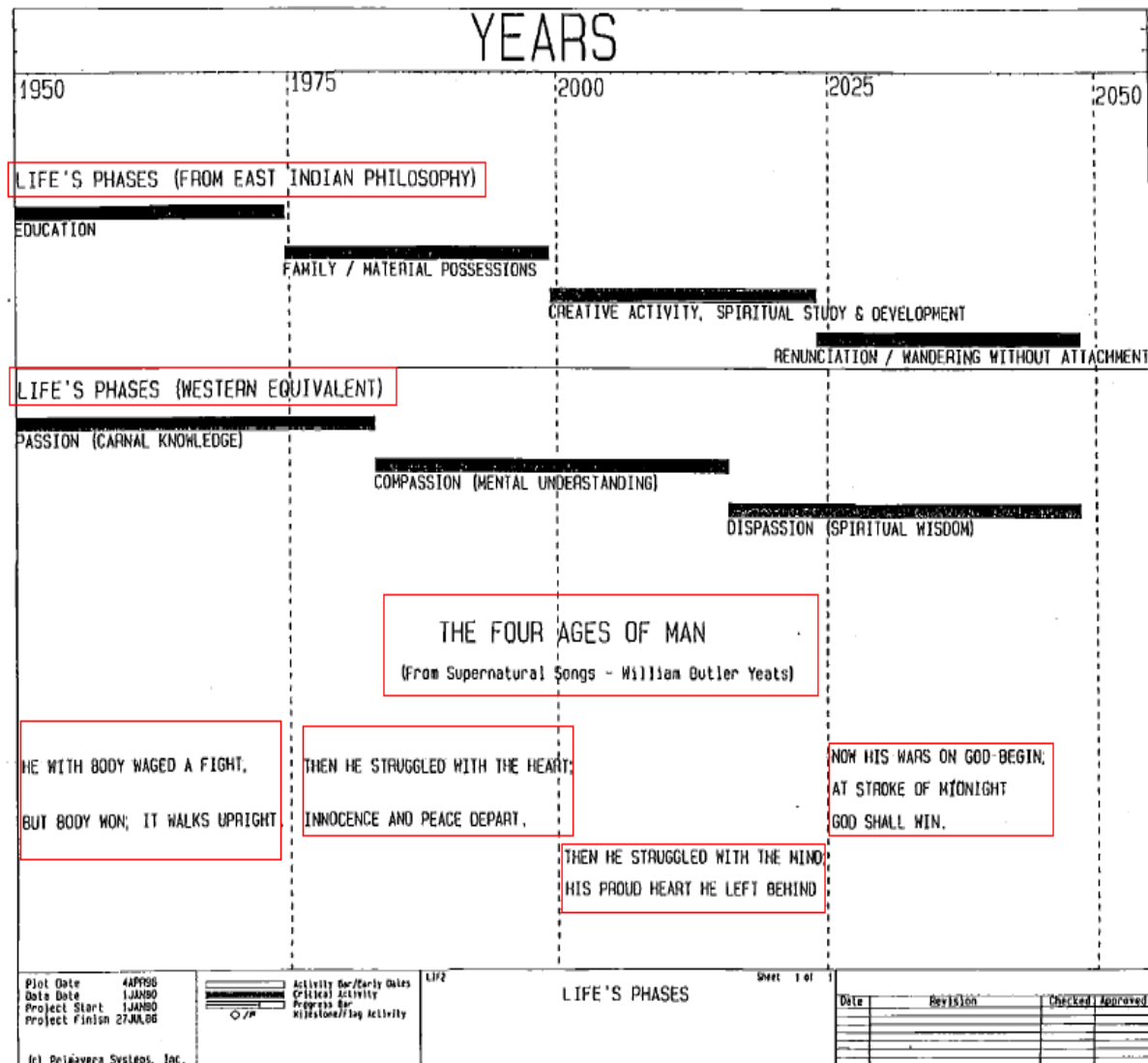
## LIFE PHASES

FROM EAST INDIAN  
PHILOSOPHY:  
(EDUCATION, FAMILY AND  
MATERIAL POSSESSIONS,  
CREATIVITY AND  
SPIRITUAL  
DEVELOPMENT,  
RENUNCIATION AND  
LETTING GO)

WESTERN EQUIVALENT:  
PASSION, COMPASSION,  
DISPASSION

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS'  
POEM EXQUISITELY  
CAPTURES THE ESSENCE  
OF THE FOUR AGES OF  
MAN

THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WERE  
ABLE TO DISCUSS AND  
FOLLOW THIS CHART –  
EVEN DISCUSSING THE  
CONCEPT OF DEATH



A THOUGHT  
ABOUT THE  
PRECEDING  
CHART AND OUR  
LIFE PERSPECTIVE  
OVER TIME

I HAVE REFERRED TO  
THE PRECEDING  
CHART ABOUT THE  
PHASES OF LIFE MANY  
TIMES OVER THE LAST  
THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

I HAVE SHARED IT WITH  
MANY FRIENDS AND  
STRANGERS

THE COMMENTARY ON  
THE RIGHT SIDE OF  
THIS PAGE IS ANOTHER  
ONE THAT HAS BEEN A  
GUIDING LIGHT  
THROUGH THE MAJOR  
PART OF MY LIFE

Concept of changing perspective over time:

**BERTRAND RUSSELL AT EIGHTY-TWO  
SPEAKING OF THE FEAR OF DEATH.**

**“The best way to overcome it is .... to make your interests gradually wider and more impersonal until bit by bit the walls of the ego recede and your life becomes increasingly merged in the universal life ....**

**An individual human existence should be like a river, small at first, narrowly contained within its banks, and rushing past boulders and waterfalls. Gradually it grows wider, the banks recede, the waters flow more quietly and in the end without any visible break they become merged with the sea and painlessly lose their individual being.”**