

Ideation Phase

Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template

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Maximum Marks	4 Marks

Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template:

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount of creative solutions.

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Reference: <https://www.mural.co/templates/brainstorm-and-idea-prioritization>

Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement

Template

Brainstorm & idea prioritization

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🕒 10 minutes to prepare

🕒 1 hour to collaborate

👤 2-8 people recommended

Before you collaborate

A little bit of preparation goes a long way with this session. Here's what you need to do to get going.

🕒 10 minutes

A Team gathering

My team consisted of only one member with backgrounds in data analytics, design, and heritage studies. I was briefed on the objectives and provided with access to the UNESCO dataset prior to the session.

B Set the goal

The primary goal was to explore the 2019 UNESCO World Heritage dataset to uncover meaningful insights and trends through compelling visualizations using Tableau.

C Learn how to use the facilitation tools

I used a shared Google Doc and a Miro brainstorming template for idea collection and categorization. Tableau was preinstalled on all systems for testing feasibility during the session.

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Define your problem statement

How might we use data visualization to provide deeper insights into the distribution, classification, and trends of UNESCO World Heritage Sites to support global preservation efforts?

🕒 5 minutes

PROBLEM

How might I provide deeper insights into the distribution, classification, and trends of UNESCO World Heritage Sites?

Key rules of brainstorming

To run a smooth and productive session

Stay in topic.

Encourage wild ideas.

Defer judgment.

Listen to others.

Go for volume.

If possible, be visual.

Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping

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Brainstorm

Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

10 minutes

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TIP You can select a sticky note and hit the pencil [switch to sketch] icon to start drawing.

Person 1

- Create a world map showing all UNESCO sites
- Use color to differentiate site types (Cultural, Natural, Mixed)
- Filter sites by continent or region
- Show a bar chart of site count by country
- Include a timeline showing number of sites added per year
- Visualize inscription trends over decades
- Add a treemap to show site types by region
- Include hover tooltips with site names and details
- Create filters for criteria like biodiversity, history, architecture
- Visualize which criteria (i-x) are most common

- Use a heatmap to show site density
- Identify top 10 countries with most sites
- Highlight endangered or at-risk sites (if data available)
- Include a breakdown of sites by UNESCO criteria (I–X)
- Link visuals to relevant preservation info or efforts
- Make the dashboard interactive with slicers/filters
- Use Tableau Story to guide users through insights
- Show average age of heritage sites per region
- Highlight newly added sites in the last decade
- Add an overview of total number of sites globally

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Group ideas

Cluster similar ideas together and give each group a label.

Geographic Distribution

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Type & Classification

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⌚ Time-Based Trends

- Include a timeline showing number of sites added per year
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Ⓢ Exploration & Interaction

- Include hover tooltips with site names and details
- Create filters for criteria like biodiversity, history, architecture
- Make the dashboard interactive with slicers/filters
- Use Tableau Story to guide users through insights

⚠ Risk & Awareness

- Highlight endangered or at-risk sites (if data available)
- Link visuals to relevant preservation info or efforts

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TIP
Add customizable tags to sticky notes to make it easier to find, browse, organize, and categorize important ideas as themes within your mural.

⌚ 20 minutes

Step-3: Idea Prioritization

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Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

🕒 20 minutes

TIP

Participants can use their cursors to point at where sticky notes should go on the grid. The facilitator can confirm the spot by using the laser pointer holding the **H** key on the keyboard.

