Choose Your Own HTML Adventure

Making on the Web

Storyboard

The first step is to plan your adventure.

Who is the main character?

Where is the story set?

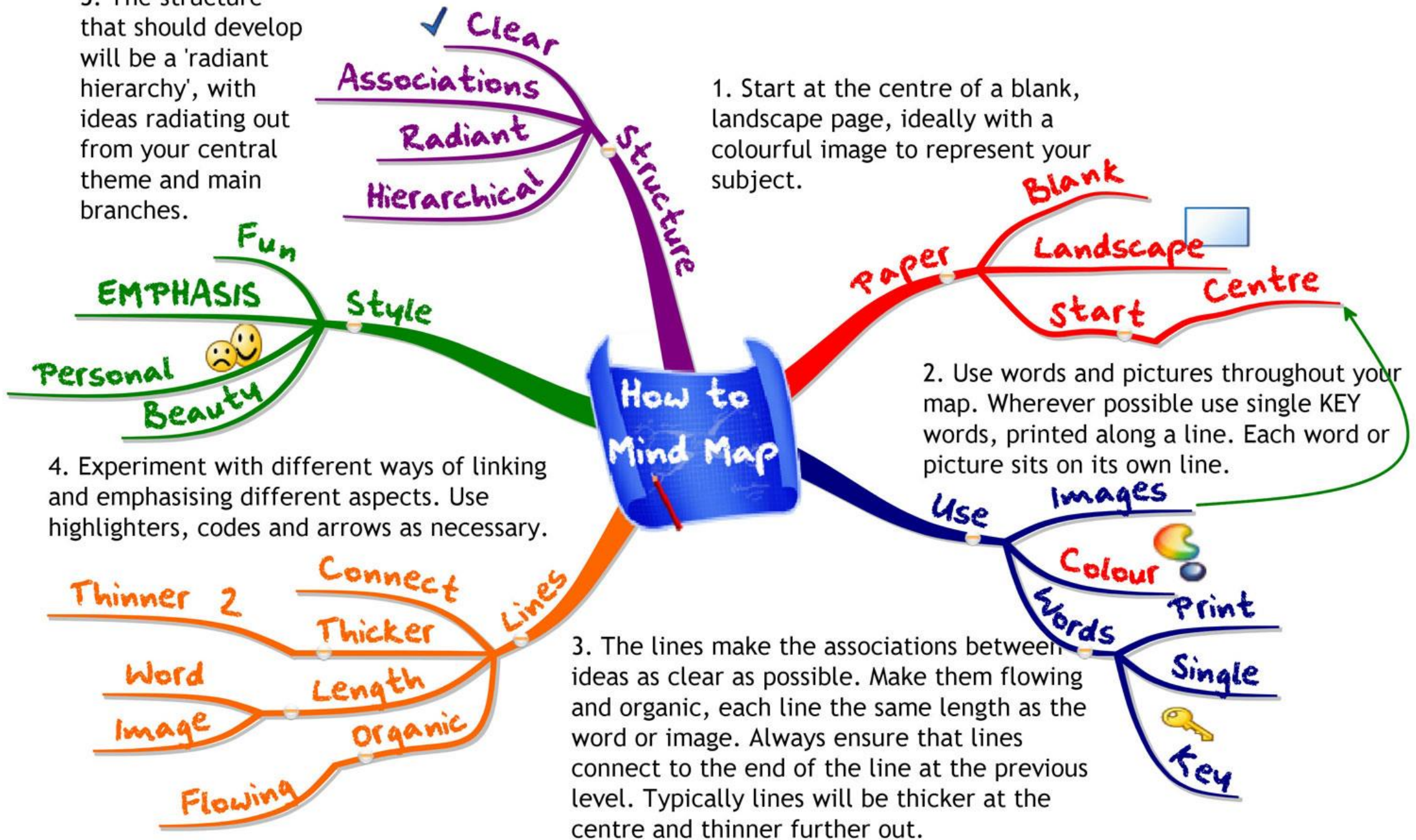What scenarios will they find themselves in?

Mind Map

Another great way to organise your thoughts is to use a mind map.

Group similar ideas together

Use colours where appropriate

5. The structure that should develop will be a 'radiant hierarchy', with ideas radiating out from your central theme and main branches.

✓ Clear
Associations
Radiant
Hierarchical
Structure

1. Start at the centre of a blank, landscape page, ideally with a colourful image to represent your subject.

Blank
Landscape
Paper
Start
Centre

Fun
EMPHASIS
Style
Personal
Beauty

How to Mind Map

2. Use words and pictures throughout your map. Wherever possible use single KEY words, printed along a line. Each word or picture sits on its own line.

Use
Images
Colour
Print
Words
Single
Key

4. Experiment with different ways of linking and emphasising different aspects. Use highlighters, codes and arrows as necessary.

Thinner 2
Connect
Thicker
Lines
Word
Length
Image
Organic
Flowing

3. The lines make the associations between ideas as clear as possible. Make them flowing and organic, each line the same length as the word or image. Always ensure that lines connect to the end of the line at the previous level. Typically lines will be thicker at the centre and thinner further out.
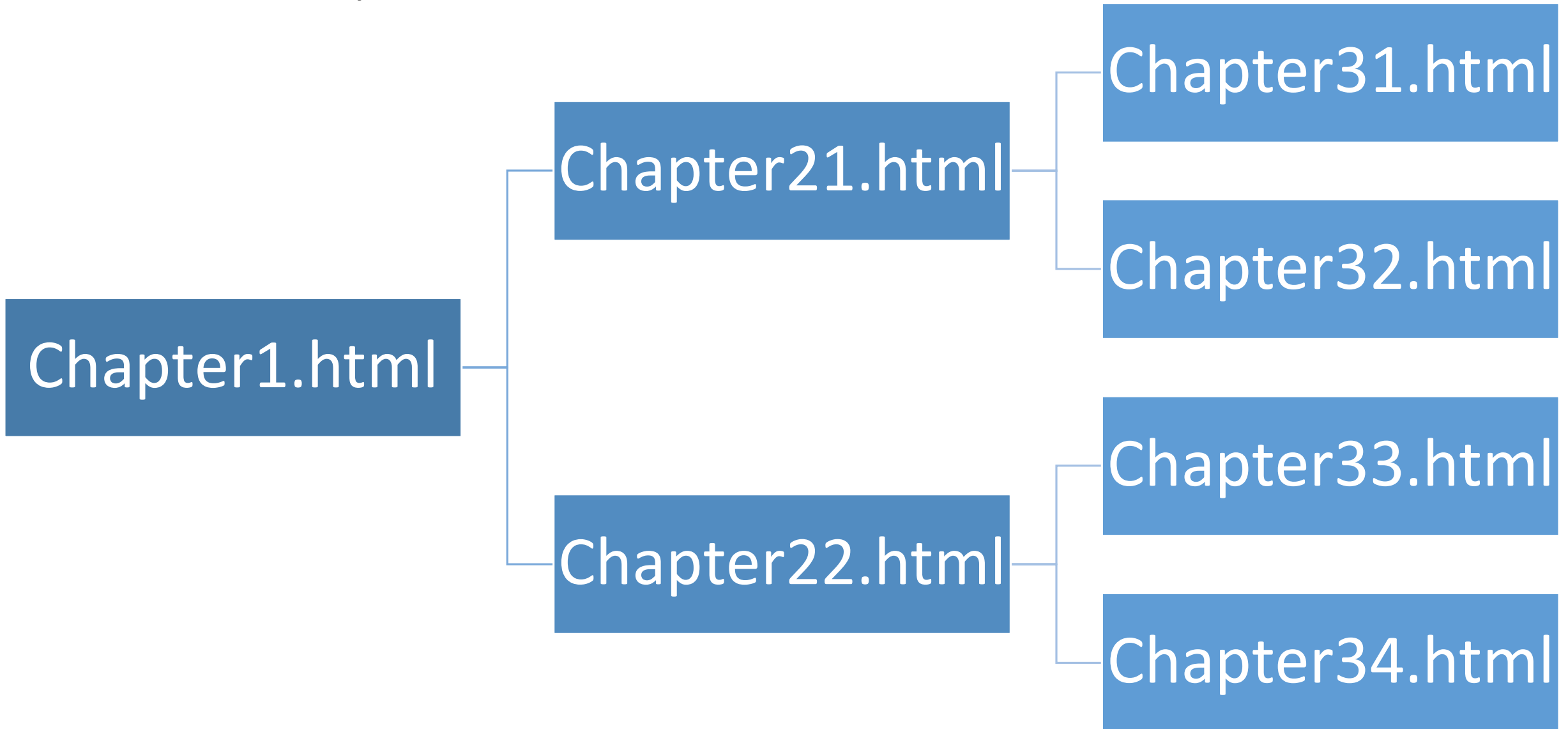
Hierarchy

Finally, you want to translate all these analog ideas into digital files for your project.

Choose a simple, logical system for laying out your files.

In the first example the first digit represents the level of each chapter.

Hierarchy

In Sublime Text

In Sublime Text your project will be arranged something like the tree-view on the right.

On Windows

When organising your project on a Windows computer you can start by putting all the files in the same directory.

Are there any potential drawbacks to this system?

Name

📁 img

🌐 chapter1.html

🌐 chapter21.html

🌐 chapter22.html

🌐 chapter31.html

🌐 chapter32.html

🌐 chapter33.html

🌐 chapter34.html

🌐 chapter41.html

🌐 chapter42.html