



TRIPS

(Technology, Research, Information and Public Speaking)

Reading and Writing have always been indispensable to the academic curriculum. Over the course of the past several decades, a new environment has emerged wherein these fundamental skills are applied. We, at ATG Learning Academy, recognize that the internet has become indispensable to society. So much of what we do on the Internet is based in reading and writing. For a number of years now, in order to prepare our students for the world, we have offered a special English course called TRIPS: **T**echnology, **R**esearch, **I**nformation and **P**ublic **S**peaking.

TRIPS is a course that provides students with the tools to make the most of the Internet, while also teaching the skills of research composition. In the first trimester, students work with Inspiration; a computer program that allows students to graphically organize research from the Internet into outlines and diagrams. In the second trimester, the students begin to craft research compositions. Students also learn important skills in academic integrity and how to avoid plagiarism. In the final trimester, the students; plan, develop and deliver a slideshow presentation to the class about a topic of his/her choosing. The TRIPS course gives our students the tools to make the most of the wealth of information that is the Internet.



Teacher David Howell is showing Zane how to use Inspiration to organize his ideas during TRIPS class