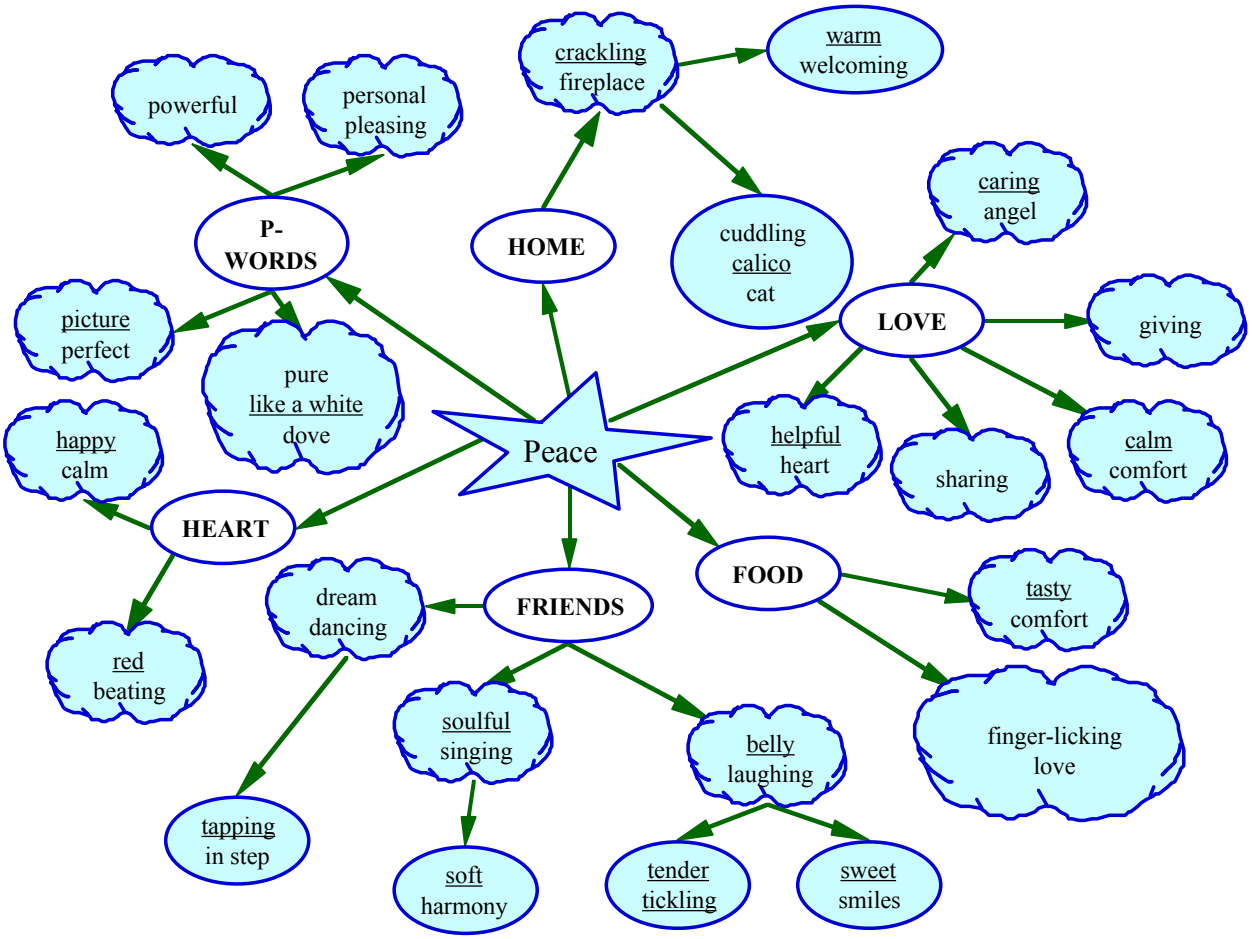
Sample Peace Web and Poem. Inspired by *An Angel for Solomon Singer* by Cynthia Rylant



To begin a prewriting web, place the topic or theme in a star in the center. The words in ovals are the students' first thoughts about peace: home, love, food, friends, and heart. (The teacher added an oval for initial "p" sound words.)

The cloud entries are the students' elaborations on their first thoughts. The teacher conducted a mini-lesson on alliteration. Students then added the words beginning with "p" to the web and other examples of alliteration. Finally, the underlined words and blue ovals were added. These are the descriptive, sensory words that paint vivid pictures in the reader-listener's mind.

Take the time to generate a complete web. The web makes composing a poem easier for students. Here is a sample class list poem created from this prewriting web. A variety of unique poems could be written from this single web.

Peace is
soulful singing in soft harmony
it's in the sweet smiles on your friends' faces
Peace is
finger-licking love and tasty comfort
it's sharing food with those you love
Peace is
a warm welcoming crackling fire
it's cuddling on the couch with a calico cat
Peace is
a calm powerful place
Peace lives in your happy heart