

TEACHER

As you can see by studying the web, all the words, except cyano-, are intended for students at all levels.

The main reason for including colors in the Root-and-Branch format is to improve students' observational skills, which, in turn, they should apply to their writing.

Encourage students to bring in examples of paint color strips obtained wherever paint is sold, crayons, nail polish, etc., and to share these with the class. Cooperative learning groups can work together to make displays.

Perhaps one could be of blue colors found in nature. Many examples occur on the color web, but there are many more to be uncovered (shells, berries, flowers, birds). Often the colors are indicated in the Latin name as well as the common one.

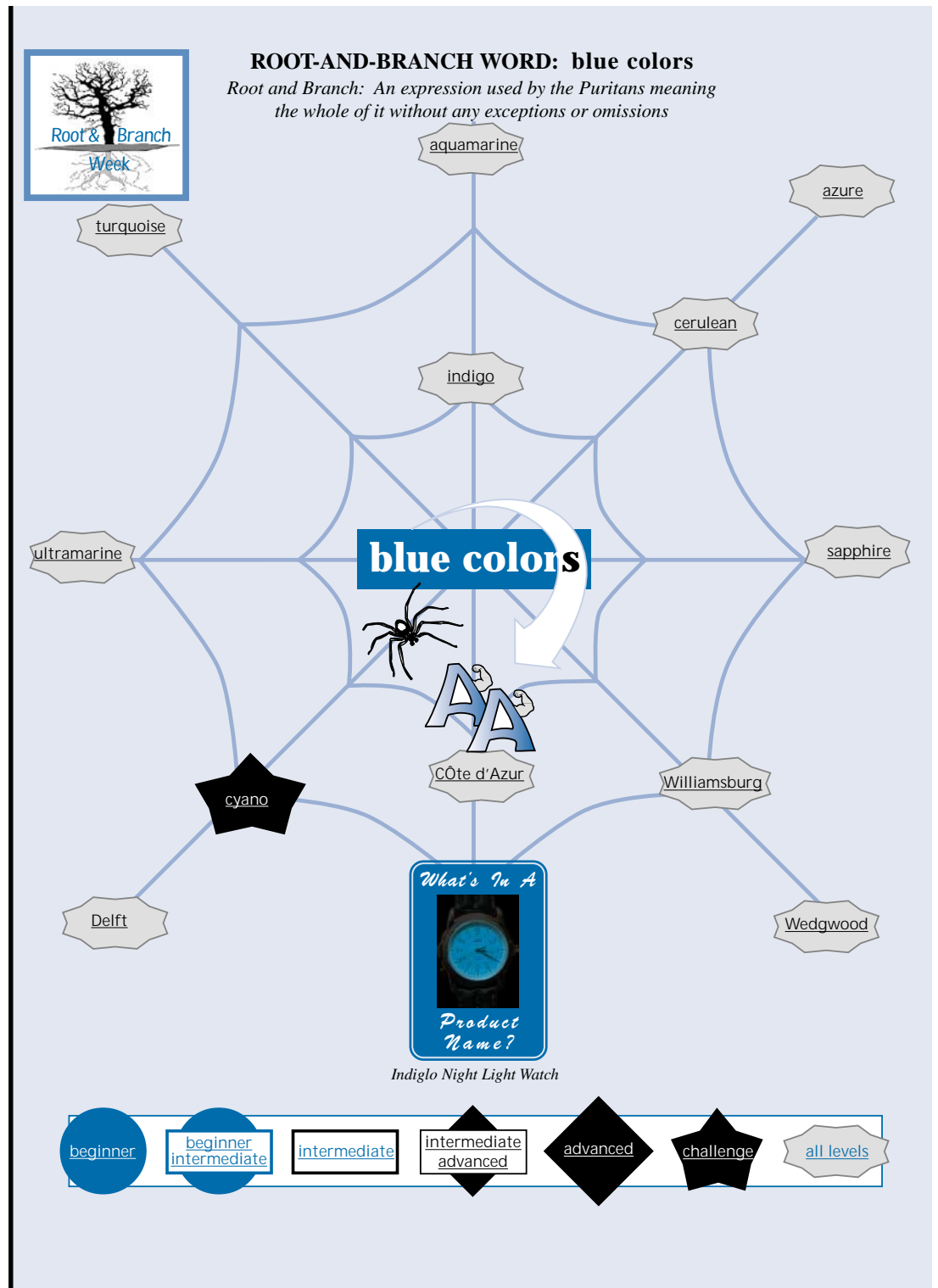
To reinforce the idea of making your students' writing more colorful, plan many short writing assignments during the week. Remember, figures of speech (similes, metaphors, personification) fit well with these colors.

Discuss idioms with your students. Does a yard sale mean the yard is for sale? What is a couch potato? and so on.

Here are **blue colors** taken from paint samples, beyond those in the students' material: Sailboat, cornflower, ice water, blizzard blue, water jet, stars forever, blue jay, neon blue, baby blue eyes, deep marine, Belgium sky, lakeside, ice dance, skylight.

Ask students whether they know what an **Indiglo watch**® or clock is. Perhaps someone could bring one to class.

“Most learning experiences produce multiple outcomes.” Ralph Tyler



BLUE COLORS


Idioms

Blue laws: Lead students in a discussion of the pros and cons of more businesses being open on Sundays and holidays. One of the cons from a small liquor store owner, “If you’re a small store, you don’t have a large work force. The mom-and-pops of the world will be working seven days a week.” Another business owner arguing against the Sunday openings said, “My customers have more than ample time to buy their goods. It just spreads the business out over seven days and, really, your profits aren’t going to go up and there will be increased overhead.”

Those arguing for the openings usually are located near a state where there are Sunday sales, so they feel they are losing business that is going over the state line. However, most states have given in to the demands of many for businesses to be open 7 days a week.

aqua: A light bluish-green to light greenish-blue; as a prefix, aqua- means water. 

aquamarine: A pale blue to light greenish-blue

azure: A light purplish-blue; the blue sky 

cerulean: Azure; sky-blue. The Cerulean Warbler is a migrant bird in North America.

ciano-: A prefix meaning dark blue, as in cyanide, cyanite, cyanosis, cyanotype (a blueprint). Doctors often suspect cyanide poisoning when a person has blue fingernails. Cyan is one of the four standard ink colors used for printing: CMYK (Cyan Magenta Yellow black).

Delft: The blue color in pottery originally made in Delft, the Netherlands



indigo: A dark blue to grayish-purple blue; a blue dye obtained from various shrubs or herbs. In nature there are Indigo Buntings and Indigo Snakes. Why would a song be titled “Mood Indigo”?



sapphire: The color of a gem sapphire, a clear, hard variety of corundum



turquoise: A light to brilliant bluish-green; a semiprecious gem. Where in North America is this gem found?



ultramarine (beyond + water): A vivid or strong blue to purplish-blue

Wedgwood: The tinted color of porcelain first produced by 18th C. English potter Josiah Wedgwood.



Watch the spelling here!

A typical Wedgwood teapot

Williamsburg: A shade of blue made popular in Williamsburg, Virginia, houses. 



bleu: French for blue
blau: German for blue
azul: Spanish for blue

Blue Collar Worker: An hourly worker, probably from the days when hourly workers wore blue shirts

Blue Laws: Originally enacted by the Puritans, blue laws today are statutes that control the sale of liquor or merchandise on Sundays. Does your town or state have blue laws? If so, what are they? What do you think about blue laws?



Musty Ohio 'Blue Laws' Do Fadeout



4-5 What does it mean to have the blues? When you're in New Orleans, what would it mean to listen to the blues?



CÔte D'Azur
(French for *Coast of Blue*):
Blue Coast



Indigo Night Light Watch

6 Where is the Cote D'Azur located?

Learning new words, especially those that describe colors, will help you dress up your writing. Instead of saying, “Mother bought a new television,” you can now state, “Mother bought a **Delft blue** television.” Go to a paint store, select some blue paint samples, check out their interesting names, such as: stormy, slate, mystique, platinum, mountain ridge, glacier, blue smoke, Hudson Bay, Montana, La Mare, egg, juniper berry, blueberry juice, denim. You can use creative images like these when referring to any item that has a color — a car, articles of clothing, carpeting, furniture, houses, etc. Color your own paint samples below and give each a name.

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THINK LINK ANSWERS

1. A song to reflect a sad, or blue, time
2. Southwest, especially Arizona
3. Answers will vary.
4. To be depressed, sad
5. A style of music evolved from southern Black American songs, usually with a slow tempo
6. In the south of France along the Mediterranean Sea

“A new word is a new idea to help you think.” Norman Lewis