Brainstorming the tri state connector

On **Monday the 2ⁿᵈ of August, at 6pm (timezone=GMT - 6.00 Central America)**, there will be an opportunity to meet all students who are taking part in the project as well as one of your new tutors. The meeting will take place via the tri state connector web conferencing room hosted by dimdim. As well as introducing yourself to the group, we invite you to join in with a quick pre-task which is based on the introductory information found in the file, 'An introduction to the project'. We would like you to carefully read the information provided in this document, and think about what the project requires you to do. You are also encouraged to think about any vocabulary which could be used in connection with the building of the tri-state connector. The task will be carried out using the white board simultaneously with the chat function. The group are required to create a spider diagram, on the whiteboard, made up of all the words you can think of which relate to the tri state connector. The main task of finding a route for the tri state connector will be demanding, so we have decided to lighten the load slightly by giving you some of the vocabulary which may help you better understand the information which needs to be processed in order to complete the task. You will be introduced to this new vocabulary by a teacher during this pre task web session.

Ground Rules for Brainstorming

- No criticism of an idea is allowed. The aim of a brainstorming task is simply to generate ideas.
- Strive for the longest list possible - go for quantity.
- Build on the ideas of others in the group.

Using the web conferencing room

- Before participating in this web conferencing session, you must sign up to your respective conferencing room. To sign up, click on the icon for the dimdim chatroom. You will be presented with a widget which shows the time and date of the meeting. Sign up by entering your e-mail address into the box provided. Once you have signed up an e-mail will automatically be sent to your inbox which provides the details of the meeting. On the day of the meeting simply follow the link in the e-mail to access the meeting room.
- The link will take you to the website which is hosting the meeting. You will then be presented with a message from dimdim.com requesting access to your microphone and webcam, deny this access. Once you have clicked deny, you will find yourself in the web conferencing room.
- Once you're in the meeting room, you need to give a name by which you wish to be identified by. Fill in your name by selecting 'enter your name' from the drop down menu.
- You will be able to communicate with your group and teacher by using the chat function at the right of the page. In the centre of the page you will find the whiteboard. To write on the whiteboard use the 'annotation toolbar' to the right of the board.

    To get more information on using the dimdim web conferencing room go to:
    http://onlinehelp.dimdim.com/Show-Items/Use_whiteboard_Toolbar.html