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Thought I'd share a few simple thoughts on how to use the amazing powers of your creative imagination to the fullest in overcoming "writer's block"...

Just letting you know that I start all my novels with a BASIC PLOT (plan) and don't have much idea how it's all going to end up ("pan out"). I don't consciously use techniques, like "mindmapping" and have found that by writing one chapter at a time then simply "letting go", the story simply flows onto the next naturally (at least I think it does!). It's simply a matter of taking one step at a time, then waiting for "inspiration"*, which may take an hour, a day, a week, or a month.

* By the way, the word "inspire" translated from the ancient Greek language, literally says, "God breathed life into". Not that it's Greek to me - this "not classical language scholar"!

When I get "stuck" for a while, I take a break with a long walk along the stunningly beautiful beaches here, which really relaxes me and then the thoughts simply "flow into my head." This takes hold and I get a clear vision of the next small step ahead (always) - through the amazing powers of the subconscious mind, which is where our INSPIRATION* comes from... and this leads, impels (nice word!) us into ACTION.

Imagination leads to intuition ("the way God communicates with us" via the antennae of the subconscious mind, I believe).
So use the amazing and unlimited powers of your creative subconscious mind...

then

IT'S UP TO US TO ACT ON OUR "CREATIVE" FEELINGS.

Hope these thoughts may be helpful to you in whatever endeavour (creative or otherwise) you undertake in life.

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"A vision without a task is but a dream. A task without a vision is drudgery. A vision with a task is the hope of the world."
- Inscription from a church in Sussex, England

"Our Creator will never give us a desire without our having the ability/capacity to see it to fruition."

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