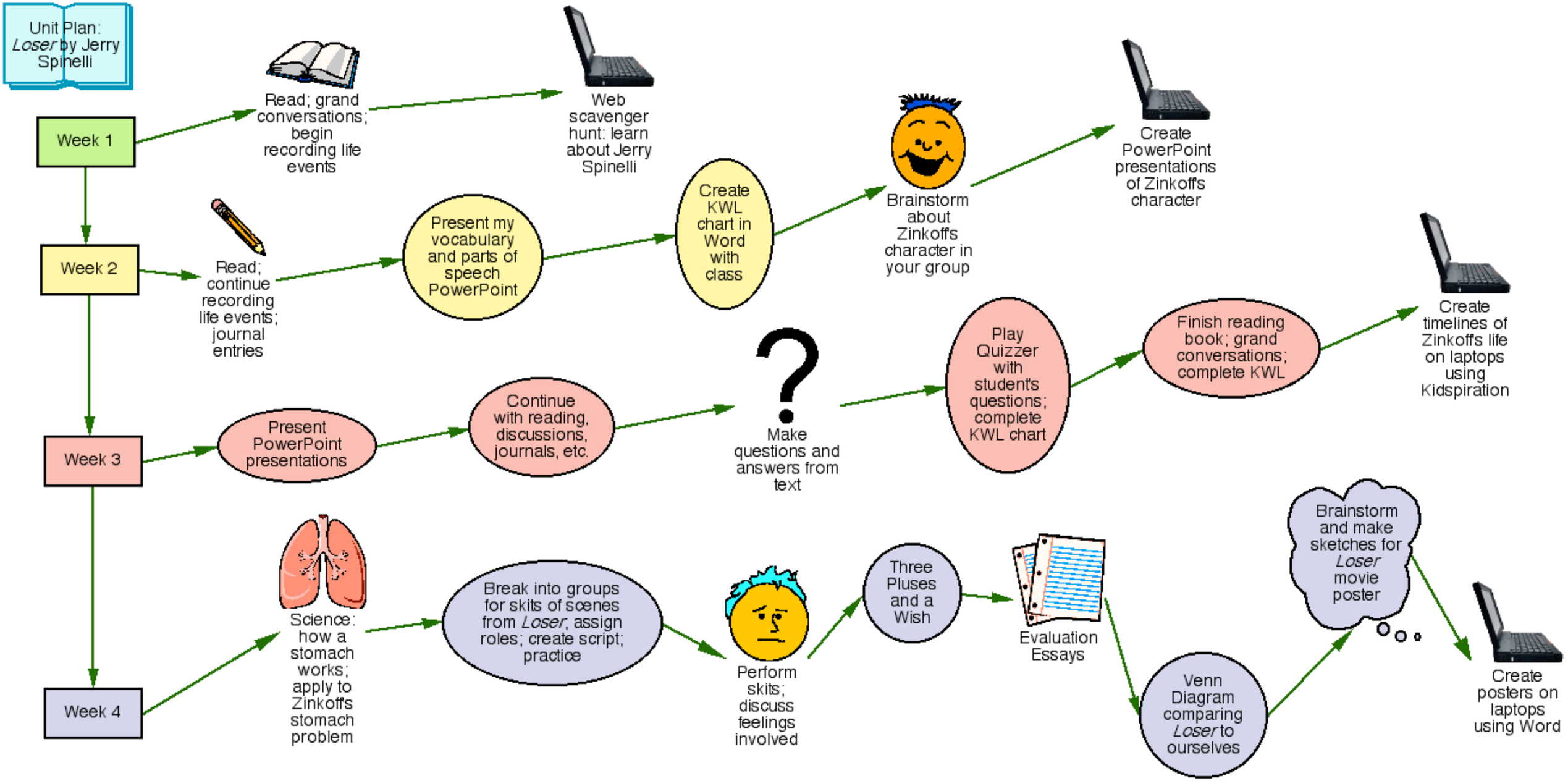
Unit Plan: *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli
Week 1
Read; grand conversations; begin recording life events
Web scavenger hunt: learn about Jerry Spinelli
Week 2
Read; continue recording life events; journal entries
Present my vocabulary and parts of speech PowerPoint
Create KWL chart in Word with class
Brainstorm about Zinkoff's character in your group
Create PowerPoint presentations of Zinkoff's character
Week 3
Present PowerPoint presentations
Continue with reading, discussions, journals, etc.
Make questions and answers from text
Play Quizzer with student's questions; complete KWL chart
Finish reading book; grand conversations; complete KWL
Create timelines of Zinkoff's life on laptops using Kidspiration
Week 4
Science: how a stomach works; apply to Zinkoff's stomach problem
Break into groups for skits of scenes from *Loser*, assign roles; create script; practice
Perform skits; discuss feelings involved
Three Pluses and a Wish
Evaluation Essays
Venn Diagram comparing *Loser* to ourselves
Brainstorm and make sketches for *Loser* movie poster
Create posters on laptops using Word