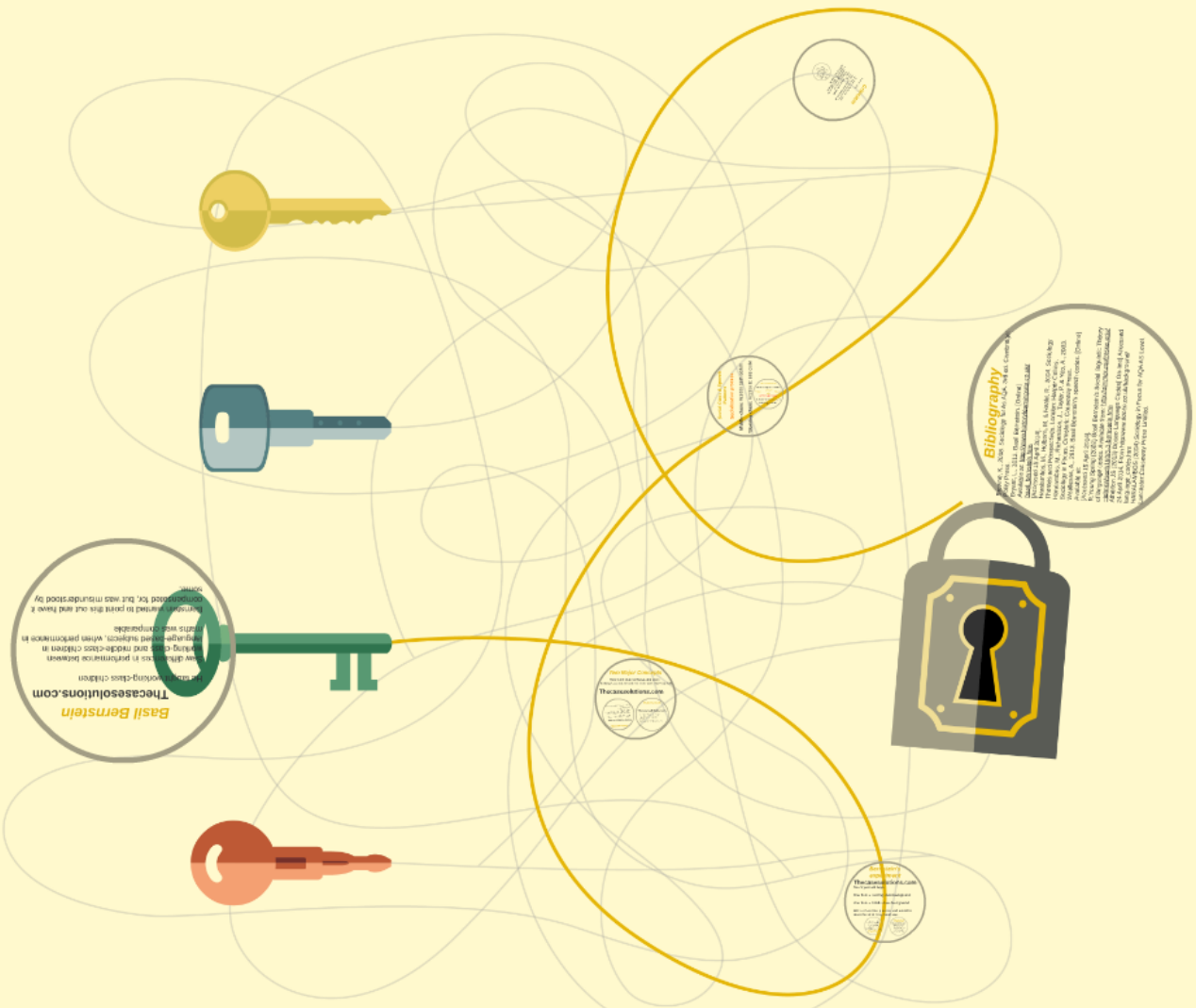
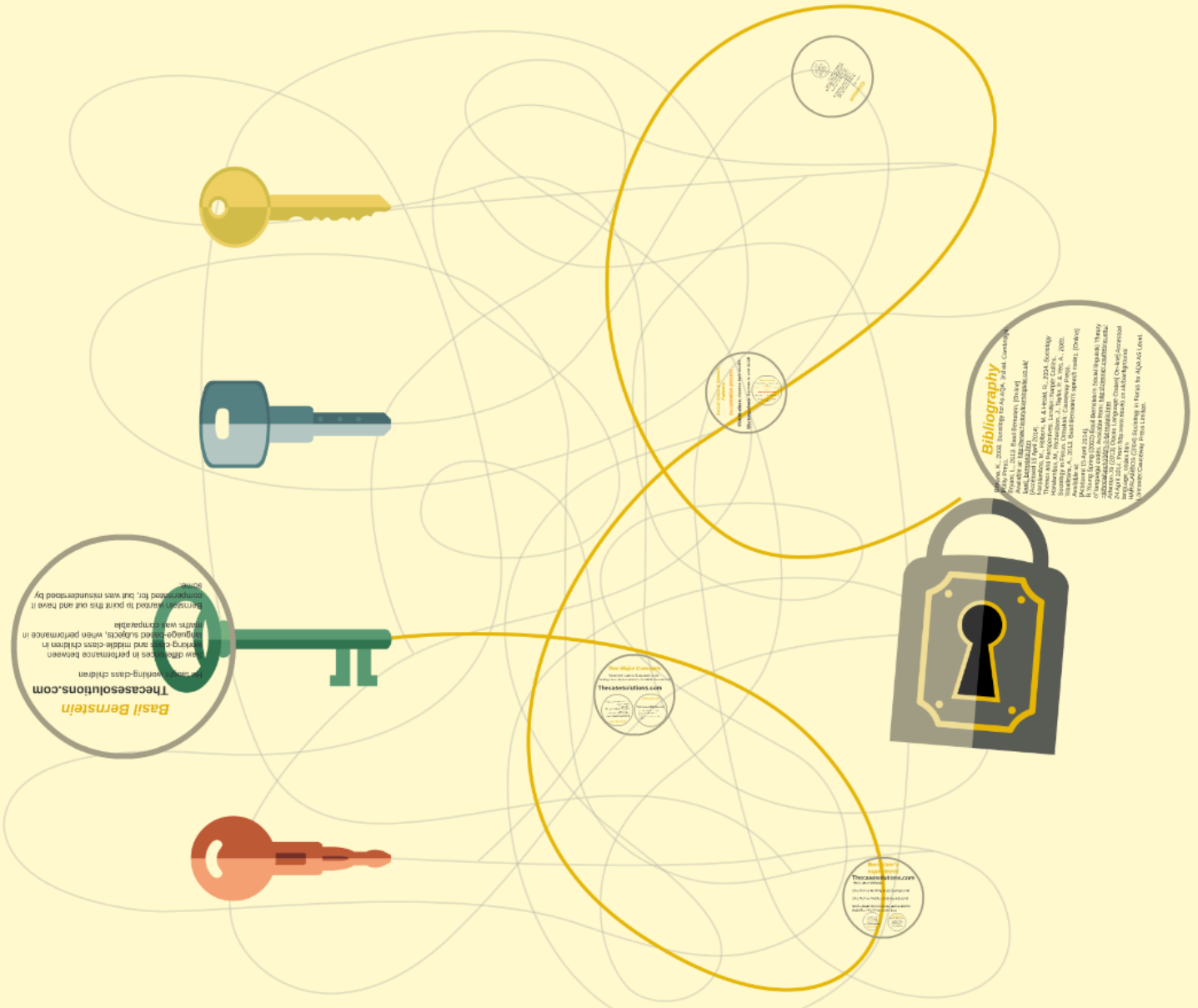


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Basil Bernstein

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He taught working-class children

Saw differences in performance between working-class and middle-class children in language-based subjects, when performance in maths was comparable

Bernstein wanted to point this out and have it compensated for, but was misunderstood by some.

Two Major Concepts

Restricted Code & Elaborated Code

Working Class only use restricted code. Middle Class use both.

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Bernstein's experiment

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Two 5 year old boys

One from a working class background

One from a middle class background

Both shown four pictures and asked to describe what they could see.

*Response from the
working class boy*
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"They're playing football and he kicks it and it goes through there. It breaks the window and they're looking at it and he comes out and shouts at them because they've broken it. So they run away and then she looks out and then she tells them off"

*Response from the
middle class boy*
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"Two boys are playing football and one boy kicks the ball and it goes through the window. The ball breaks the window and the boys are looking at it, and a man comes out and shouts at them because they've broken the window. So they run away and then that lady looks out of her window, and she tells the boys off"

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