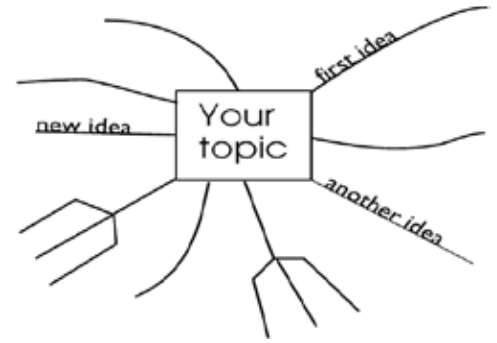


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CREATE CONCEPT MAPS



WHAT IS CONCEPT MAPPING?

Concept mapping is a way of making notes by creating a visual diagram of the concepts and information. It helps you to create multiple “pathways” in your mind to connect the information and better retain it for future use. It helps you to see the “big picture” and how details relate.

HOW ARE CONCEPT MAPS USED IN STUDYING?

- As a planning tool
- For specific written assignments
- To summarize information from notes or textbooks
- To brainstorm ideas for a project

HOW DO I DRAW A CONCEPT MAP?

- Start with blank paper (unlined)
- Use paper sideways (landscape)
- Write topic word in center
- Print to create a more vivid visual image
- Use single words only as much as possible
- Color code the branches of your map
- Draw pictures and diagrams when possible
- Use signs and symbols

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES TO USING CONCEPT MAPPING?

- Be creative!
- It uses fewer words, so it saves time and space.
- Improves memory because it helps you to visualize how information connects and inter-relates, creating more neural pathways.
- Encourages you to think conceptually
- When creativity is added can be fun to complete
- Encourages creative thinking and imagination
- Requires you to be active in your learning, so concentration is enhanced