

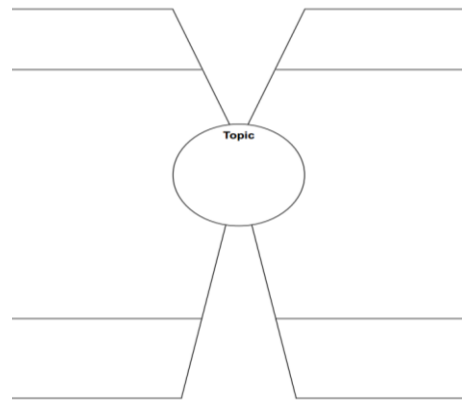
Concept Mapping

What is Concept mapping

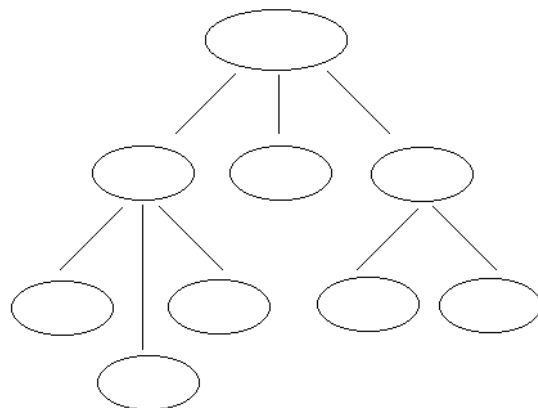
- Concept mapping helps a student organize and display their knowledge about a subject. It allows you to draw connections between various ideas you may have on a subject.
 - Helps to organize theories and concepts
 - Helps to organize and manage any sub concepts developed
 - Helps to understand the relationships between the concepts
 - Encourages creative thinking

Different types of Concept maps

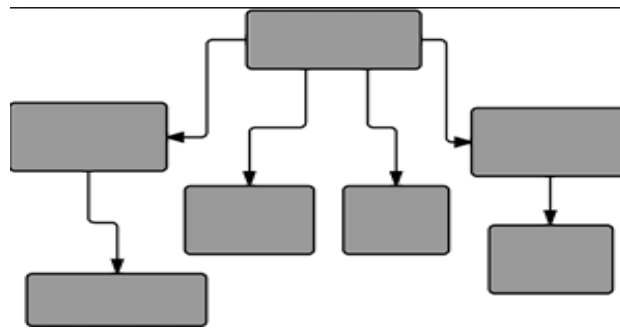
- Spider



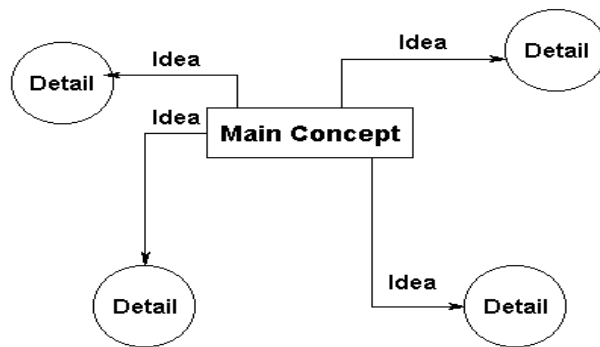
- Hierarchical



- Flow Chart



- Systems



How to concept map

- Step 1: List key concepts/terms related to your topic
- Step 2: Elaborate on key concepts
- Step 3: Identify links between your concepts
- Rules
 - Draw your central idea either in the middle of your paper or at the top
 - Ideas/Concepts are drawn in boxes or circles
 - Only list one concept per box or circle
 - These boxes or circles contain sub-ideas
 - Lines or “branches” are used to establish connections between ideas
 - Also mind map in pencil
 - Write all information that you can on the map
 - Colored pencils and pens help with keeping different ideas in order

Concept Mapping Software

- There are places online where you can download concept mapping software
 - Lucid Chart: www.lucidchart.com/ allows you to download a free 7-day trial. If you want to continue using it after the 7 days is up then you have to pay a standard rate per month.
 - MindMeister: www.mindmeister.com/ allows you create 3 mind maps for free.
 - Google Drawings: You need a Google email account to access this service

Please feel free to give me a call, email me, or come by and see me if you have any questions about this or anything else you're having trouble with! I'm happy to help.