

Concept Maps/Flow Charts

Goal: Organize material and find relationships and connections between ideas.

Here is one way to produce a concept map:

1. On a blank unlined sheet of paper, write the main concept or topic at the top of the page. *You may want to circle each different idea so it is not confusing.*
2. Underneath the main topic, write a relating main idea, and connect the two ideas with a line.
3. Write major and/or minor details off of this main idea below the main idea. *Instead of writing entire phrases, simplify by using 'trigger' words and pictures.*
4. After completing details for this main idea, write a NEW main idea underneath the main concept that relates to it, and connect the two ideas with a line.
5. Continue to add major and/or minor details for every new main idea you include.

**Use different colors to indicate main ideas and details; highlight key terms.*

**Do NOT force all information on one concept map! Spread the information out between multiple concept maps. It is easier to remember in smaller parts rather than all at once.*

Now What? Once you have completed your concept map, study it! Practice drawing it from memory! *This will help you recall the information and draw more connections!*

