Mind Mapping/Concept Mapping

Mind Maps or Concept Maps are learning tools which help students reinforce knowledge by making connections between different areas and delving in-depth into an area in a visual way.



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<https://blogempire.wordpress.com/category/mind-maps/>

Mind Mapping or Concept Mapping can be a great formative assessment to use in order to see what students really understand and exactly how they understand it. It allows a teacher to see what connections students are making between concepts, as well as seeing how their brains are working to organize information--a key skill that many students lack and is not explicitly taught to most students.

**Classroom Use**

* A Mind Map can be used to give a clear and visual overview of what is going to be covered/taught.
* Mind Maps can show the structure and organization of a topic.
* Students can use a Mind Map to look at while listening to a speaker/teacher. The visual information encourages the audience to engage with the material that is being presented.
* Online Mind Maps can be printed and shared with students. Students can add notes to the map as concepts are developed.

**Concept Map Resources:**

[Concept Maps from Reading Rockets](http://www.readingrockets.org/strategies/concept_maps)

[Concept Maps from Adolescent Literacy](http://www.adlit.org/strategies/19769/)

[Concept Mapping in the Classroom](http://www.schrockguide.net/concept-mapping.html)