Mind Mapping

Overview of Mind Mapping

- Mind maps are a type of diagram used to visually display information in a relational way.
- This approach helps you organize lecture/reading notes by connecting important concepts.
- Below is an example of a mind map.

How to Create a Mind Map:

- Begin your mind map by placing your main idea in the middle of your paper.
- Once you have identified your main idea, identify subtopics for branches. Branches can be any major topic or concept that connects to your main idea.
- Once you have identified your branches, identify subtopics for your twigs. Twigs are any minor details that relate to the key concept and connect to the branch of material.
- After you create your mind map, try using it as a tool for review. Consider drawing your mind map after you study to assess how much of the information you remember.

Tips for Creating a Mind Map:

- **Use Emphasis.** Use images, key words, colors, and spacing to help organize your information.
- **Association.** Indicate how topics are associated to one another by drawing arrows or color coding.
- **Clarity.** Create a visual hierarchy through line thickness or color. Stick to key words.
- **Layout.** Keep your mind map simple. Concise mind maps are easier to understand.
- **Personal Style.** Your mind map will be better for you if designed in a way that you understand.

Implementing Mind Mapping

Use the back of this page to develop a mind map. If you would prefer to create your mind map online, follow this link: [https://www.mindmup.com/#storage](https://www.mindmup.com/#storage). Once you complete your mind map, answer the following questions:

What did you put in your mind map? ____________________________________________________________________________
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How can creating mind maps help you? ____________________________________________________________________________
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How will you use your mind map to study? ____________________________________________________________________________
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Reference: Technology Across the Curriculum, oregonstate.edu/tac