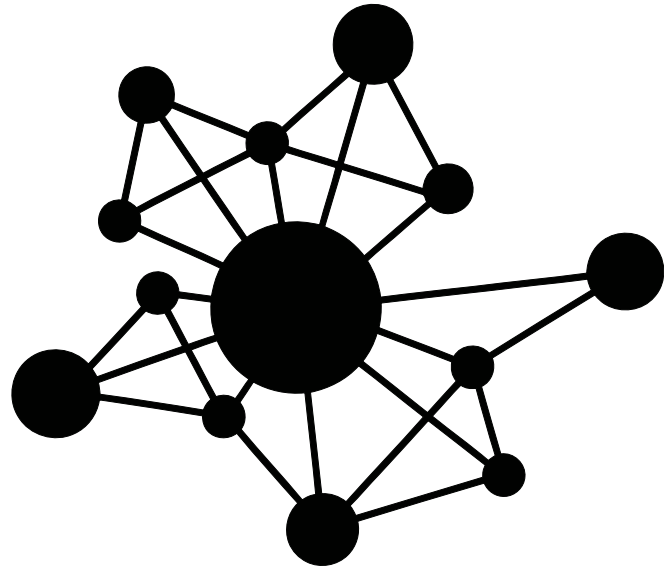


CONCEPT MAPPING

Concept mapping is a visual learning strategy that helps you organize information by showing how ideas, concepts, and examples connect. Unlike traditional notes, concept maps help you identify relationships, recognize patterns, and develop a deeper understanding of complex topics, making them especially useful for exams requiring application and analysis rather than simple memorization.



Creating a Map

Start with the main idea by placing the central topic, concept, or question in the middle or at the top of your page. Then add related concepts and connect them with lines or arrows to show relationships.

A strong concept map does more than list information—it explains how ideas connect. Use linking words such as “leads to,” “influences,” “is part of,” or “contrasts with” to clarify relationships. Add examples, definitions, and details after you understand the larger connections.

Using Your Map

Concept maps are most effective when you use them actively. Create a map from your notes to organize ideas after class, recreate one from memory to test your understanding, or explain your map aloud to identify gaps in your knowledge.

Focus on connections between ideas rather than trying to include every detail. Use your own words, prioritize important concepts, and update your map as your understanding grows.

