

# Concept Mapping METHOD

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## WHAT

**What is the "Concept Mapping" note-taking method, and what is its purpose?**

A concept map is a visual tool that helps students to delve deep into ideas by connecting concepts with underlying relationships. Its purpose is to help students see the whole picture of a topic instead of individual subjects.

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## WHEN

**When do I use the "Concept Mapping" note-taking method?**

Students can use "Concept Mapping" in several disciplines, such as STEM, humanities, social sciences, languages, and even the arts! The main purpose of "Concept Mapping" is to connect concepts that have several relationships.

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## TYPES

**Are there different types of Concept Maps?**

Yes! Venn Diagrams, Chain Linkages, Relational Maps, and Outlining are considered Concept Maps. Venn Diagrams are used to illustrate the similarities and differences among main ideas. Chain Linkages illustrate the relationship between ideas that are part of a process. Relational Maps illustrate the relationship between a main idea and supporting details. Outlining helps to break down high-level concepts by filling in its details.

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## HOW

**How do I structure a "Concept Mapping" note-taking method?**

As noted above, there are several different types of "Concept Mapping." Choose whichever method suits your needs best. Refer to the Learning Commons Resource Library page for examples of layouts.

HOW?

