Mind Maps

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

Here is one way to **produce** a mind map:

1. On a blank unlined sheet of paper, write the main concept or topic at the center of the page. *You may want to circle each different idea so it is not confusing.*
2. Near 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. *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**, near 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 detail highlight key terms.*

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

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