

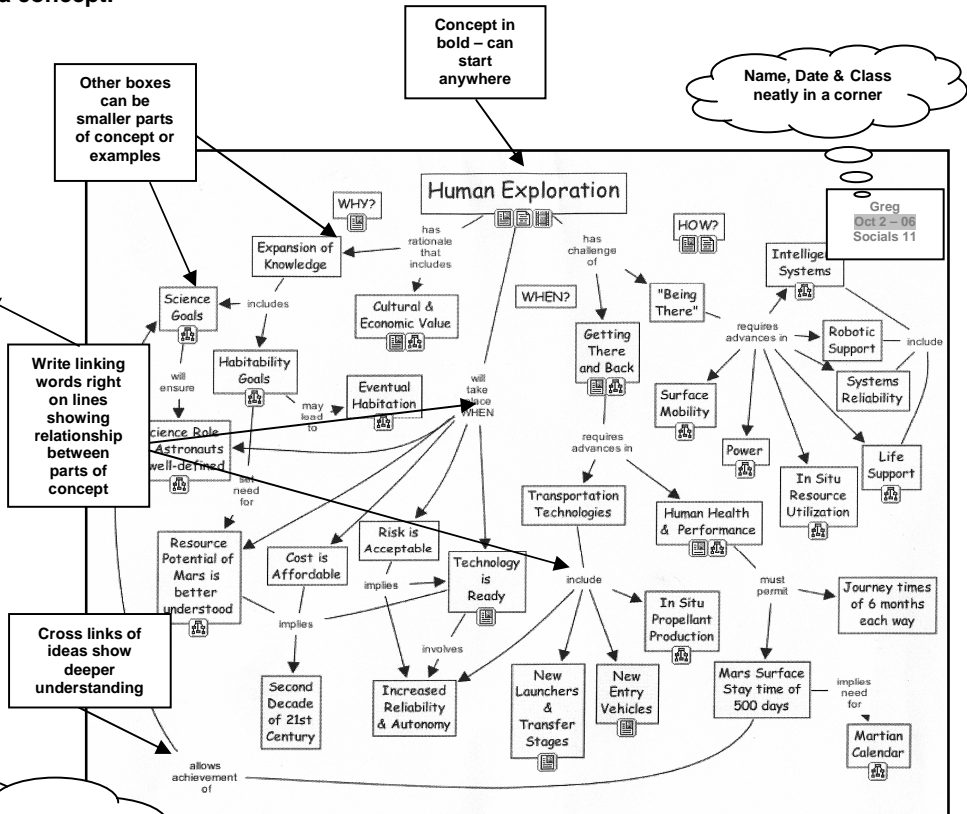
Concept Map

Concept map notes are one of the most complex styles of notes, but are also very valuable to those who wish to explore and show the relationships between components of large concepts. The notes appear quite visual but use phrases to link ideas to each other. Concept maps can be used while listening or reading a topic, to review, or to demonstrate deep knowledge of a concept.

Linking Words & Phrases

These are examples of words and phrases that are commonly used as links in Concept Maps. There are **MANY** other words and phrases that could be used...

- is caused by
- shows
- can impact
- is an example of
- example is
- can effect
- leads to
- may lead to
- includes
- requires
- has challenge of
- involves
- implies
- will ensure
- defined as
- similar to
- different from
- relies on
- prevented by
- allows for
- part of
- two types
- needs
- comes from
- introduced by
- demonstrates
- precedent of
- supports
- occurs when



How to...

1. Start by brainstorming all the major parts of the concept you want to use. You could do this on a rough sheet, a whiteboard or on post-it notes to move around.
2. Consider how the map will be designed effectively.
3. Start with the central concept on an edge (or in the middle) and attach the next most important parts of the concept with major linking words and phrases.
4. Continue from most important parts of concept to least important using links.
5. Often the ending idea is an example.
6. Consider cross links between common ideas, parts, or examples on the concept map. Links can be dotted lines for clarity. Colour can be used to clarify as well.
7. Although visuals are not as important on concept maps as they are on mindmaps, they can be employed especially when used to better explain an idea.

Performance Levels

	Redo	MCM	ACM	CMA
Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient number of concepts selected relating to topic • Arrangement of concepts illustrates no understanding of conceptual relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal but acceptable number of concepts selected, with some relationships to the topic • Arrangement of concepts demonstrates simple understanding of subordinate conceptual relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most concepts relating to topic were selected • Arrangement of concepts demonstrates an understanding of subordinate conceptual relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most concepts and all significant concepts selected and they clearly relate to the topic • Arrangement of concepts demonstrates complete understanding of subordinate conceptual relationships
Hierarchical Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts are displayed in a linear sequence. Little or no sense of hierarchical structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited hierarchical structure used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts connected in a hierarchical structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts connected in a hierarchical structure leading to more specific concepts
Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some basic relationships indicated by connected lines • Linking words are simple and repetitive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Straightforward relationships connected with linking words • Linking words show variety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most relationships indicated with a connecting line and labeled with linking words • Linking words are accurate and varied 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All relationships indicated by a connecting line and accurately labeled with appropriate linking words • Linking words are expressive and purposeful
Cross Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross links not used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few cross links are used to illustrate minimal connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross links used to reflect straightforward connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross links show complex relationships between two or more distinct segments of the concept map