

HOW TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL CONCEPT MAP IN 7 EASY STEPS

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1. Determine what “**Focus Question**” or “**Key Concept**” you want answered. You have to clearly define the focus of the concept map.
2. Create a “**Parking Lot**” of ideas – this is a bulleted list of everything you think about when you consider the elements of the focus question or your key concept. This is the brainstorming time.
3. **Prioritize or organize info.** Many of the ideas will not leave the parking lot and get on the concept map. The parking lot ideas are prioritized. These become the sub-concepts on the concept map
4. **Arrange the sub-concepts** around central concept that is logical and makes sense to the learner.
5. **Draw lines with arrows to connect sub-concepts.** Using lines, connect shapes (sub-concepts) linking them together (propositions)...words on the lines describe relationship determines the relationships between the concepts.
6. **Label the lines with words** that show the relationship between the two sub-concepts. This is often difficult to do but important to demonstrate WHAT the relationships are between the concepts.
7. **Make a key that guides the viewer** into understanding what the shapes and colors mean.