

How to Make a Concept Map

Concept Map:

A visual breakdown of the main ideas and key supporting details in a text.

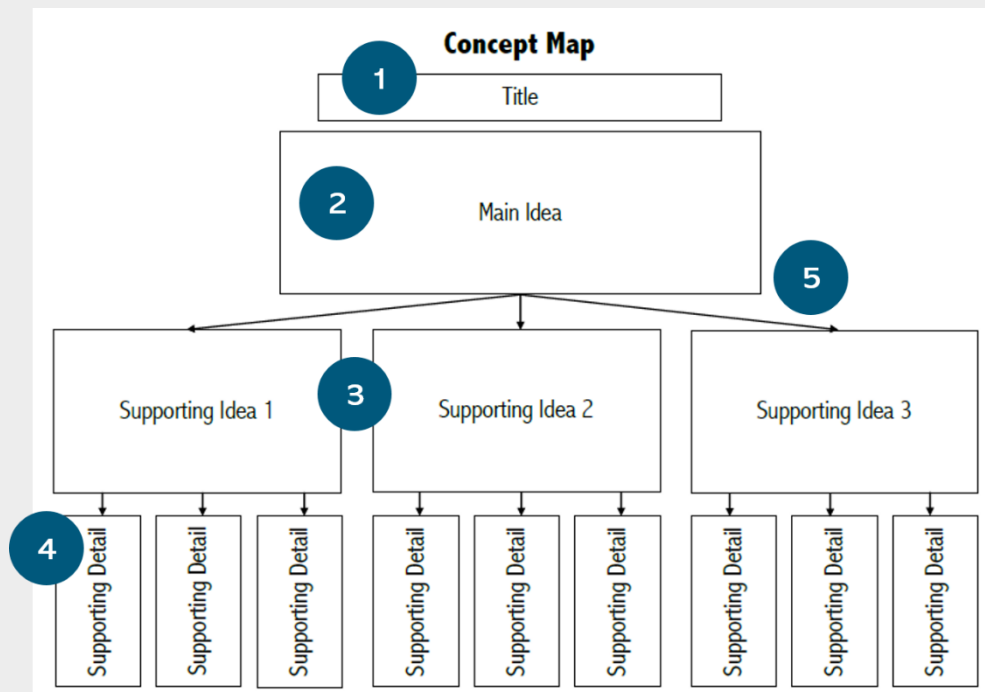
A Concept Map can be used to:

- Map out the main ideas and key supporting details of a text
- Map out ideas for something you want to write

How to Draw a Concept Map:

1. Write down the name of the text (or concept) you want to map.
2. Draw a box for the main idea.
3. Draw boxes for supporting ideas.
4. Draw more boxes for supporting details.
5. Draw arrows connecting the boxes.

Organization flows vertically in this example, but concept maps can be organized horizontally, or even with the main idea in the center and supporting ideas and details surrounding it.



Tips:

- If the text has sub-headings or sections, refer to them to identify the supporting ideas. If not, look for supporting ideas by identifying the main idea of each body paragraph.
- Key supporting details might consist of key facts, names, dates, concepts, arguments, or examples.