

Mapping Main Ideas

Mapping is a method for recording information from textbooks that often appeals to visual learners. A map shows visually the relationship between main ideas and supporting details or facts.

Here are some tips for mapping:

- Keep your maps simple; avoid crowding your map with too many words.
- Make several maps for a chapter.
- Use your maps to self-test by closing your eyes and visualizing the image, recalling the words you've written on the map.

Maps can take many regular geometric arrangements, including a wheel and spokes and a set of boxes.

