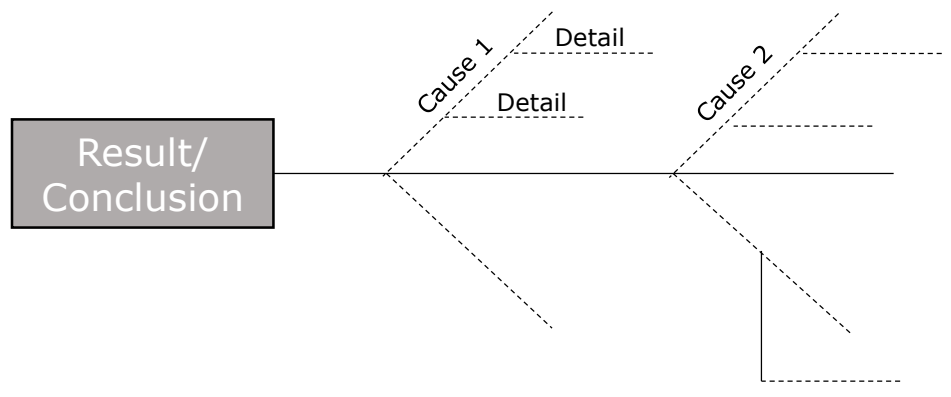# Concept Mapping

Concept mapping is a way to represent relationships between ideas or words. In a concept map, each word or phrase connects to another (and links back to the original idea or word). **How do all of these details relate to the bigger picture? Concept maps are a way to show those connections.**

Use Concept Maps to

- Brainstorm ideas
- Organize concepts
- Interact with reading
- Take notes
- Help memory recall

Create maps to fit your needs and style.

Cause 1
Detail
Detail

Cause 2

Result/ Conclusion

Analyze (Interactions: what are the factors that cause X? How do they relate?)

Main Idea/Supporting Details (Hierarchies/brainstorming: how do the parts relate to the whole? Visualize your thought process.)

Compare/Contrast (What things are being compared? What characteristics do they share/are different?)

Main Idea

Heading 1   Heading 2   Heading 3

Subheading

Secondary Subheadings

Concept 1   Concept 2

Similarities

Differences