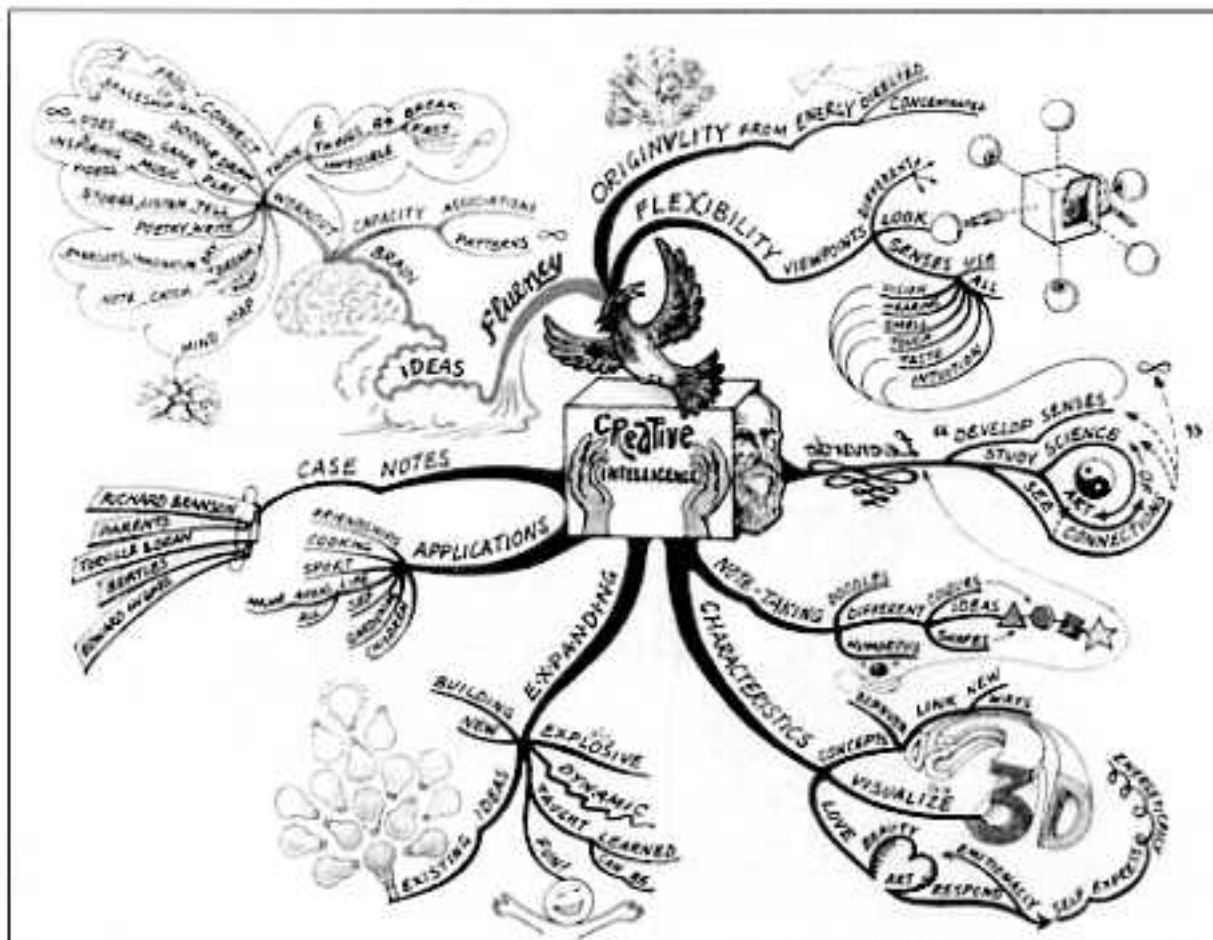


The Mind Map

The mind map is a graphical way to represent ideas and concepts. It is a visual thinking tool that helps structure information to analyze, comprehend, synthesize, recall and generate new ideas.



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How to begin.

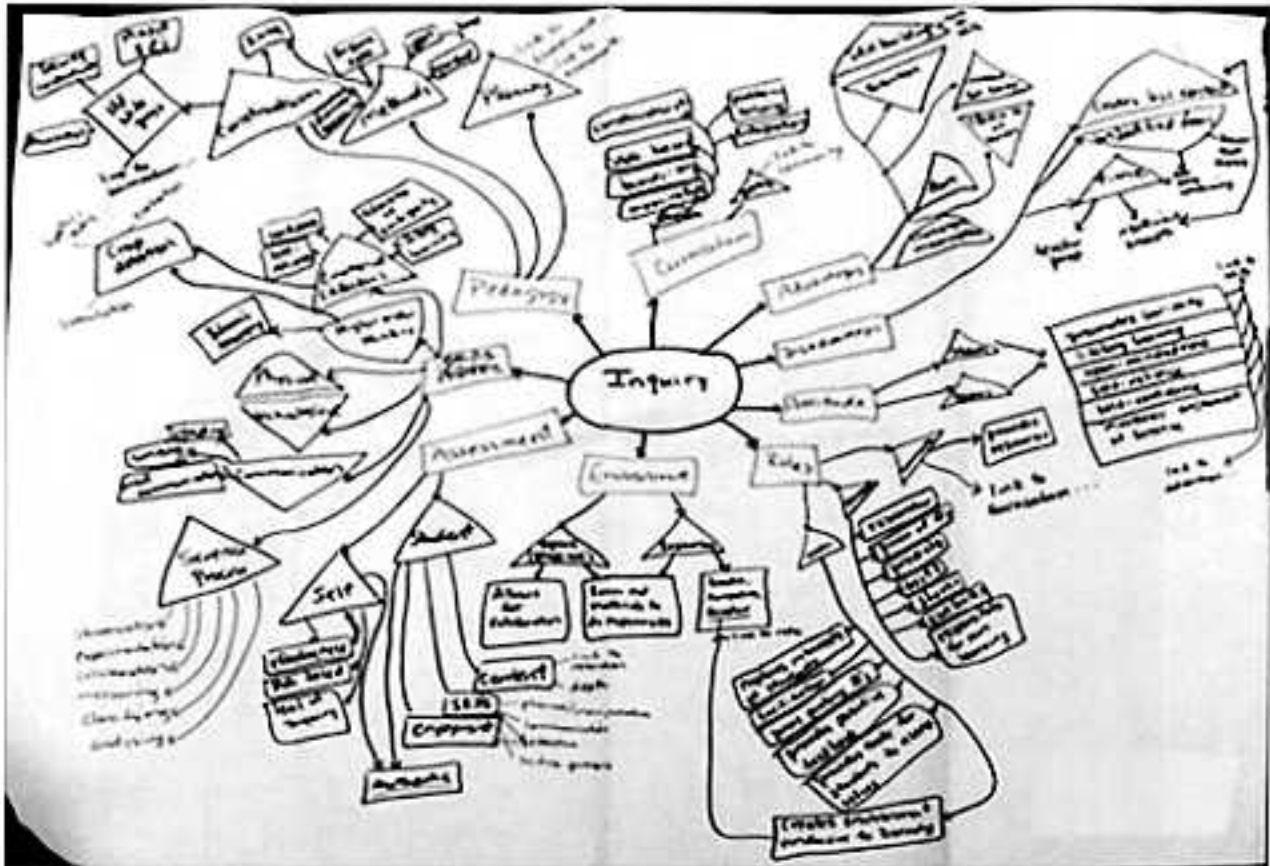
1. Start in the middle of a blank page, writing or drawing the idea you intend to develop – Wisdom. A landscape orientation will be the most flexible.
2. Develop the related subtopics around this concept connecting each to the center idea/image with a line.
3. Repeat the same process for the subtopics, generating lower-level subtopics as you see fit, connecting each of those to the corresponding subtopic.
4. Use words and images – rough or refined. Yours to choose. No judgment.

Recommendations:

- Use colors, drawings, symbols and text.
- Keep the topics labels as short as possible, keeping them to a single word or image.
- Vary text size, color and alignment. Vary the thickness and length of the lines. Provide as many visual cues as you can to emphasize important points.

The Concept Map

A concept map is a graphic organizer used to organize and represent knowledge of a subject. Concept maps begin with a main idea and then branch out to show how that main idea can be broken down into specific topics. They help discover, ideate, create, organization, and integrate concepts and ideas.



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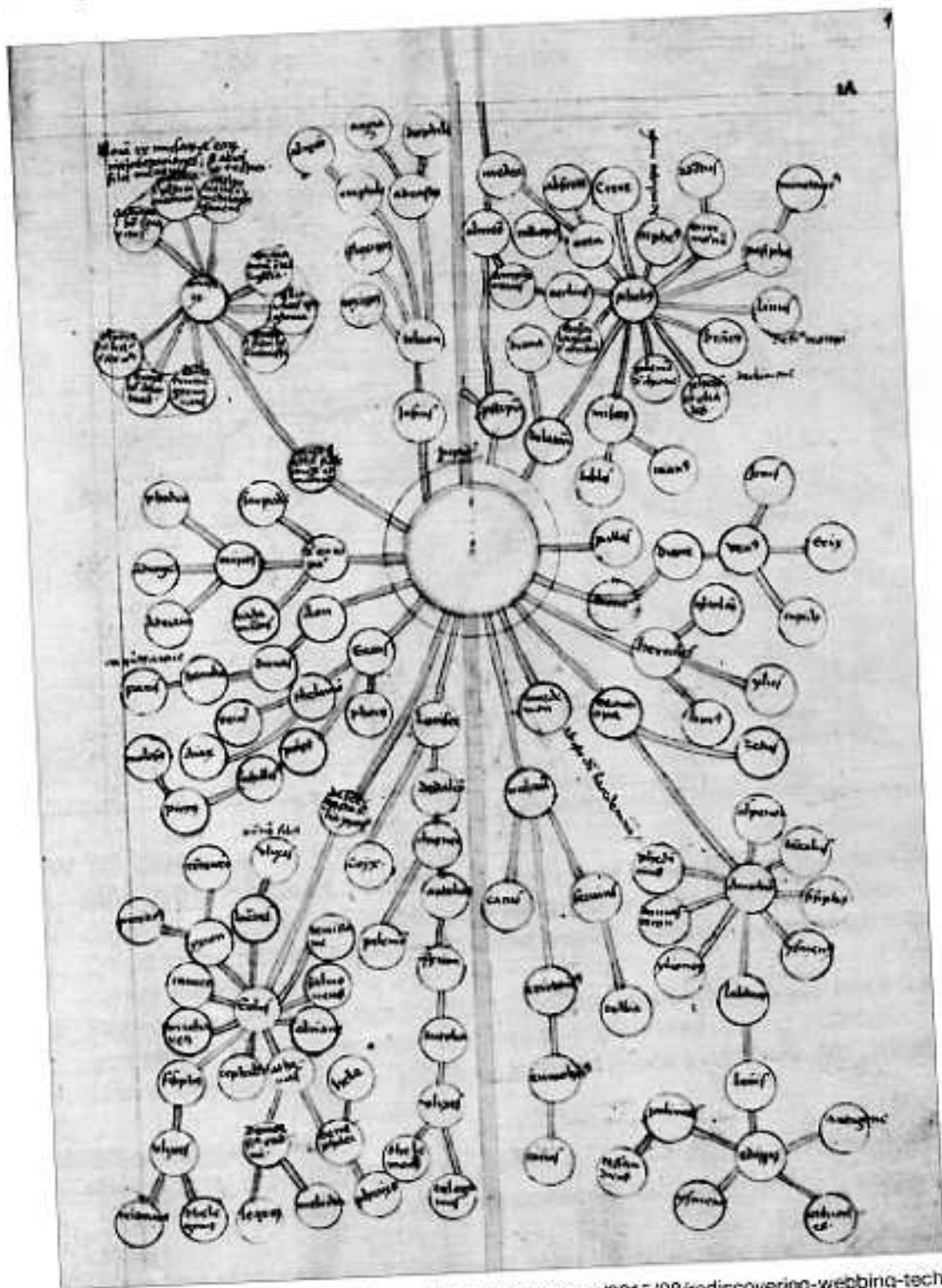
Concept maps are typically hierarchical, with the subsidiary concepts stemming from the main concept or idea.

1. Start with a main idea, topic, or issue to focus on – wisdom.
2. Determine the key concepts – identify key concepts that connect and relate to your main idea and rank them; most general, inclusive concepts come first, then link to smaller, more specific concepts. Wisdom → skillset → judgment
3. Finish by connecting concepts--creating linking phrases and words

Once the basic links between the concepts are created, add cross-links, which connect concepts in different areas of the map, further illustrating the relationships and understanding.

Webbing or the Cluster Map

This technique involves entering key words or short phrases in bubbles that are connected to one another around a centered main subject. The tool is simple, and is used to organize ideas in a visual way creating a synthetic map. Use as both a brainstorming and organizational tool.



<http://www.visual-mapping.com/2015/08/rediscovering-webbing-technique.htm>