

MIND MAPPING

Mind mapping, a technique that is a main-stay in many K-12 classrooms, is both a logical and creative way to generate ideas related to the driving question.

Within the mind mapping technique, you start with the driving question in the middle of a large sheet of paper and brainstorm as many ideas that relate to it as possible by writing them down as “branches” coming off of the driving question in the middle.

DIRECTIONS:

Have students either individually or in small groups write down the driving question in a circle in the middle of a large sheet of paper (For small groups this works best if they utilize rather large paper so that more than one person in the group can contribute to the mind map at the same time).

Have students create branches leading off of the circle in the middle for each idea they come up with related to the driving question.

Afterwards, have students create second order branches (ideas related to each of the original ideas that they came up with) on their mind map. Have students continue to work on the process until all of their ideas are recorded.

