# **Mind Mapping**

#### **Overview of Mind Mapping**

- Mind maps are a type of diagram used to visually display information in a relational way.
- This approach helps you organize lecture/reading notes by connecting important concepts.
- Below is an example of a mind map.

## Branch Twig Twig Twig Twig Twig

#### How to Create a Mind Map:

- Begin your mind map by placing your main idea in the middle of your paper.
- Once you have identified your main idea, identify subtopics for branches. Branches can be any major topic or concept that connects to your main idea.
- Once you have identified your branches, identify subtopics for your twigs. Twigs are any minor details that relate to the key concept and connect to the branch of material.
- After you create your mind map, try using is it as a tool for review. Consider drawing your mind map after you study to assess how much of the information you remember.

#### Tips for Creating a Mind Map:

**Use Emphasis.** Use images, key words, colors, and spacing to help organize your information.

Association. Indicate how topics are associated to one other by drawing arrows or color coding.

**Clarity.** Create a visual hierarchy through line thickness or color. Stick to key words.

Layout. Keep your mind map simple. Concise mind maps are easier to understand.

Personal Style. Your mind map will be better for you if designed in a way that you understand.

### Implementing Mind Mapping

Use the back of this page to develop a mind map. If you would prefer to create your mind map online, follow this link: <u>https://www.mindmup.com/#storage</u>. Once you complete your mind map, answer the following questions:

What did you put in your mind map? \_\_\_\_\_

How can creating mind maps help you?

How will you use your mind map to study?

Reference: Technology Across the Curriculum, oregonstate.edu/tac

