

# Create a Concept Map for Your Topic

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Section: \_\_\_\_\_

The concept map will help you brainstorm your topic and identify what concepts or keywords to use as you search for information. It also helps you identify what you already know about your topic, provides you with an opportunity to think about your topic in new ways, and identify gaps in your knowledge. Ultimately it will make your information search more effective and efficient! To complete your concept map follow the steps below.

**TOPIC:**

**1.** Write your topic in the box above and circle the keywords or keyword phrases.

**2.** Write your main keyword in the box to the right and other keywords in the boxes below (you should always use at least two).

The diagram consists of four rounded rectangular boxes. A central box at the top is connected by lines to three other boxes: one to the left, one below, and one to the right. Each box contains a title and several horizontal lines for writing.

**Main keyword and alternative keywords**

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**Keyword and alternative keywords**

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**3.** List below the subject disciplines professionals who publish articles about your topic are likely to come from. For example: Medicine/health, Business, Social science, Psychology, etc. Identifying potential subject areas will help you decide where to search for information.

**Subject area #1**

**Subject area #2**

**Subject area #3**

**Subject area #4**

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