

## **Mapping Notes**

### **APSU Writing Center Handout**

The Mapping Method is a visual note-taking technique that shows how ideas, concepts, and facts connect. Rather than following a linear structure, mapping organizes information spatially, helping students see relationships and the “big picture.”

#### **Benefits of Mapping**

Helps you visually connect key thoughts, ideas, and concepts.

Begins with a central topic and branches into subtopics for a clear overview.

Works well for complex or broad subjects.

Prioritizes relationships between ideas over chronological order.

Great for visual learners and subjects with layered or hierarchical concepts.

#### **How to Use the Mapping Method**

Write the central concept in a circle, bubble, or box in the middle of your page.

Draw branches outward from the center. Place each subtopic or key category in its own bubble.

From each subtopic, add smaller branches for supporting details, examples, definitions, or related ideas.

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