Mapping is a method for recording information. It often appeals to visual learners. Also called a concept map, this tool clearly shows the relationship between main ideas and supporting details.

**Mapping Main Ideas**

- **Main Idea**
  - **Major**
    - **Minor**
  - **Major**
    - **Minor**
  - **Major**
    - **Minor**
    - **Minor**

**Tips for Mapping Ideas:**
- Keep your maps simple: avoid crowding with too many words
- Make several maps for a chapter. Don’t try to fit everything on one concept map!
- Use your maps to self-test by closing your eyes and visualizing the image, recalling the words you’ve written on the map.
- This is a great tool to use to study. Try to rewrite your notes into a concept map to help memorize categories and relationships.

Maps can have many arrangements, including a wheel and spokes, or a series of connected boxes. Use a method that makes sense to you and works with the information.