

Scaffolding (Preparation) for Creating a Mind Map-For Students

Instructions for Teachers:

Below is a tool that will help students start the thinking process for creating a mind map. The tool is intended for students to use independently or in groups.

As a first step, it might be helpful to first discuss the topic together as an entire class.

When considering the topic that will be explored, it may sometimes be a topic that has not yet been learned and other times it may be a topic previously learned in class.

In the second step, we will list the subtopics/headings that may be related to the selected topic. It may be worthwhile to suggest titles and brainstorm as many ideas as possible in class.

In the third step, students will choose the subtopics that they are most interested in and that they feel is most important to deal with when learning about the overarching topic, based on the list that was composed.

In the fourth step, students will think of a color and icon (more characteristics can be suggested) for each idea and topic that was chosen.

It should be made clear to students that this is just the initial thought process.

During the actual creation of the map, the contents and presentation methods can be refined, added or changed.

Example:



Topic: The Holiday of Chanukah

Subtopics/Headings Related to The Topic:

History of the Jewish nation, Zionism, The land of the , Chashmonaim—the state of Israel, Greeks and Maccabim, Religious Identity, Bravery, Beit Hamikdash, Independence, Light Publicizing a miracle, Traditions, Family.

Six Chosen Subtopics that Interest Me and That I feel are Important When Dealing with This Topic:

1. Subtopic: Zionism

Color for the topic:

Blue

Value:

Belonging

Small symbol icon for the topic:



Personal or Family Story:

2. Subtopic: Traditions

Color for the topic:

Green

Value:

Remembrance

Small symbol icon for the topic:



Personal or Family Story:

etc...

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Six Chosen Subtopics that Interest Me and That I feel are Important When Dealing with This Topic:

1. Subtopic:

Color for the topic:

Value:

Small symbol icon for the topic:

Personal or Family Story:

2. Subtopic:

Color for the topic:

Value:

Small symbol icon for the topic:

Personal or Family Story:

3. Subtopic:

Color for the topic:

Value:

Small symbol icon for the topic:

Personal or Family Story:

4. Subtopic:

Color for the topic:

Value:

Small symbol icon for the topic:

Personal or Family Story:

5. Subtopic:

Color for the topic:

Value:

Small symbol icon for the topic:

Personal or Family Story:

6. Subtopic:

Color for the topic:

Value:

Small symbol icon for the topic:

Personal or Family Story: