**Good Practices**

**Brainstorm:**
- Facts, terms, & associated ideas ... write it all down!
- Create groups or hierarchies
- Add things missed in brainstorming
- Items may fall into multiple groupings

**Organise:**
- Keep Hierarchy consistent (Or...be abstract)
- Use creative words, pictures, bold letters etc.

**Link & Layout:**
- Provide enough time for student success!
- Provide solid concept foundation.
- Model how to map (procedure & process, balance content vs. clarity)

**Finalize (& Revise):**
- Add more color, fonts, pictures
- Have FUN!

**Advantages**

- Collaborative
  - Low or Hi-tech: paper, white board, post-its, or digital.
  - Helps organise what we know
  - Highlights gaps in knowledge
  - Great for visual learners
  - Alternative to traditional exams or self-assessment
  - May lead to intrinsic motivation
  - Flexible time frame - depending on goals
  - Can build incrementally during a course
  - Can add value to note-taking

**Disadvantages**

- May be harder for verbal and/or linear learners
- If not explained properly may not create value
- Potentially difficult to assess/compare
- Takes more time to make high tech (though check out Coggle.it)

**Resources:**

- Coggle: [https://coggle.it/folder/gallery](https://coggle.it/folder/gallery)
- [https://teach.its.uiowa.edu/sites/teach.its.uiowa.edu/files/docs/docs/Concept_Map_Rubrics_ed.pdf](https://teach.its.uiowa.edu/sites/teach.its.uiowa.edu/files/docs/docs/Concept_Map_Rubrics_ed.pdf)
- Creativity in education: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG9CE55wbtY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG9CE55wbtY)