

Fishbone Mapping Graphic Organizer

Teacher Instructions

Purpose

- To help students visually organize causal relationships in complex ideas or events.
- To increase awareness of cause and effect.
- To develop the ability to organize material learned.

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1. Begin by recording the end result of the idea or event you are mapping.
2. Ask students to work backwards-by identifying and recording the causes of the event or resulting idea or discovery.
3. Students should then analyze the causes and fill in details about each one.

Suggested Uses

- *For Literature:*
Map a character's action or the causes leading up to an event in the literary work or technique that was invented.
- *For History:*
Map an event or creation of a new form of government or set of laws that lead to its creation.
- *For Science:*
Create a lab in which students search for the causes of an end result you have given them.

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Purpose: To organize the causal interactions of a complex event or idea.

