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| Create a Mind Map |
| Description | A mind map can be a useful tool to help students visually display the connections among their sources. A mind map communicates the hierarchy and relationships between individual ideas.Students will locate x-# of sources, both popular and scholarly, on their chosen topic. Students can create the map by hand or by using an online tool. Online tools such as Bubbl.us <https://bubbl.us/> and Venngage <https://venngage.com/> are possible options. These online tools offer a “sharing” option so students can download their work as an image or share their work via a link. Students have the option to use the SmartArt Tool in MS Word. Starting with a large bubble labeled as their research topic or question, students will create a new bubble for each source they find. Each bubble will provide:* the main topic of article
* how a source relates to the larger research question
* how a source relates other sources you have found
* a permalink to article.

Students will also write a corresponding reflection on the sources they found discussing the kind of information each source provided, the usefulness of the information, and the limitations of each source. Finally, students will also reflect on the process of creating the Mind Map and submit a properly formatted Bibliography or Reference List of all the sources they found, including permalinks to each source.Professors would need to discuss with students how to avoid plagiarism in this assignment (for instance, to put the source’s major contributions in their own words rather than copying and pasting from the text directly or avoid using long quotations from the piece). |
| Options | Faculty have the flexibility to determine the number of sources and the type of sources students need to include in their mind map.  |
| Audience | 100 or 200 level |
| Learning Objectives | Students will locate a variety of sources on their topicStudents will be able to distinguish between scholarly and popular sourcesStudents will summarize and synthesize sources as they relate to their topic |

Mind Map created on MS Word SmartText