

Creativity Mind Maps

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Did you know... Our brain is filled with neurons. Neurons connect different parts of the brain. When we are creative, we use many parts of our brain. This fires or uses many, many of our neurons. Changemakers have to solve complicated problems. Problem solving requires creativity. Did you know there are things you can do to be more creative?



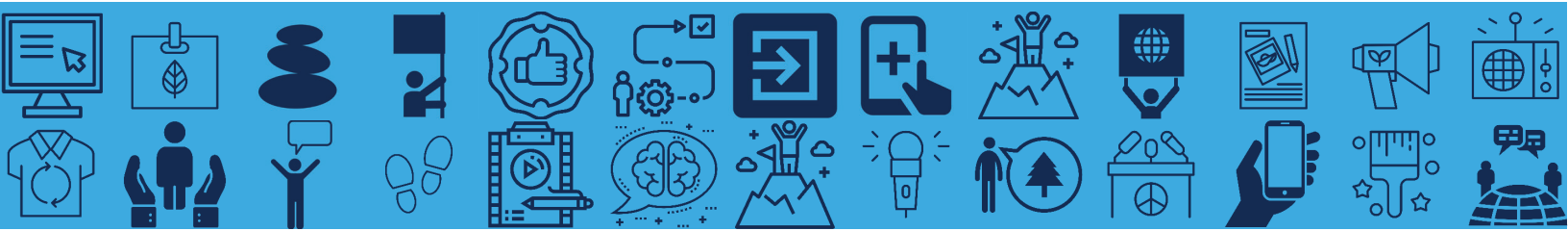
Making Mind Maps

Mind mapping is one way to be creative and solve problems. Mind mapping is like brainstorming.

You use a big piece of paper. Then you write a problem or topic in the middle. Then you map all the other things you can think of related to your problem or topic. Mind mapping helps think of new ideas. It also helps us write all our ideas down. That way, when you are done making a mind map, you can look at it again and again. Changemakers can use mind maps to help them come up with new ideas or solve problems.



Did you know that New York City has a subway? The subway has 665 Someeople wanted to throw out the old cars. Others came up with a creative idea. They dropped the cars in the ocean and used them to create homes for fish! Now that's us miles of tracks. That needs a lot of trains. When subway cars are too old they are replaced. Maybe they used a mind map to help figure that out.



The Mind Map Checklist

You can make a mind map in many different ways. Afterall, mind maps help changemakers be creative.

Here are some tips from other changemakers to help make a strong mind map.

Criteria for an effective Mind Map

Check off each item to ensure you have a strong mindmap.

- ☐ Problem in the Middle: Does your middle circle have a clear problem?
- ☐ Draw many branches off the circle.
- ☐ Each branch has more than one word or idea. Think BIG!
- ☐ Draw lines from solutions to the problem.
- ☐ Use the whole paper! Don't leave white space. Keep going until you run out of room for your ideas. The more you can think of the better.
- ☐ No ideas are bad. Put all your ideas on paper. You never know which one will be the best.

Fun Fact

Did you know... part of being creative is looking at things in different ways. Some people look at this image and see an old woman. Some people see a young woman.

What do you see?



Mind Map Outline

