Visual Summary

Create a visual summary of your topic.

You should:

- Write at least 5 main ideas and illustrate each one
- Pictures must have color!

Magazine Cover

Create a news magazine cover.

You should include:

- Magazine title
- A central, important image
- At least 3 news story leads

You Should:

The final results should look clean & artistic like a magazine cover (block letters, quality artwork, headlines, etc.).

Concept Map

Create an illustrated concept map.

You should:

- Write the main idea in the center & add topics connected to the main idea
- For each topic:
  - include at least 2 supporting details
  - Include at least 1 illustration
  - Use a different color for each topic.

Newspaper Article

Write a newspaper article about your topic as if you were there.

You should include:

- A headline (short & to the point)
- 2-3 paragraphs that explain the event (who, what, where, when, how & why)
- A color "photograph" with a caption (may be drawn or taken from the internet.

Song Rewrite

Take any song & rewrite the lyrics to include information about a topic.

You should:

- Include the name of the original song
- Rewrite the lyrics to include at least **six** pieces of information about your topic
- Write at least two verses & the chorus

Cinquains

Choose any two main ideas about the topic and write a cinquain about each.

You should follow this format:

- Line 1 = one word (the subject)
- Line 2 = two words that describe
- Line 3 = three action words about what the subject does
- Line 4 = four or five word phrase describing the subject
- Line 5 = one word that could be another name for the subject

Be the Thing

Write a short personal response as if you were a specific object from an event.

Your response should:

- Be at least 10 sentences
- Describe how the object might feel or what it might be thinking about the event
- Include six facts about the event from the object's point of view

Collage

Create a picture from pieces of paper and pictures, to create an image that is representative of an idea or topic that you've been assigned.

Source of pictures:

- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Internet
- Clipart
- Hand Drawn

You be the Teacher!

Create a quiz.

You should:

- Include at least 12 questions
- Use multiple choice, matching, or fill in the blank (no True/False)
- Focus on the most important ideas
- Include an answer key

Venn Diagram

Complete a comparing/ contrasting chart.

You should:

- Draw two circles that intersect
- Write the name of one main idea on one circle an a second main idea on the other circle
- List at least five unique characteristics for each main idea
- List at least two shared characteristics of the ideas in the intersection

KIM Charts

Define & illustrate important ideas so that you can remember them.

You should:

- Choose at least four main ideas on the topic
- Divide notebook page into three columns
- Write the main idea in the left column
- Write the information that goes along with it in the center column
- Draw a colored picture of the idea (a memory clue) in the right column

Haiku

Write a series of three haikus to summarize your topic.

You should follow this format:

- Line 1 = phrase containing 5 syllables
- Line 2 = phrase containing 7 syllables
- Line 3 = phrase containing 5 syllables

Comic Book

Determine the 8 most important events/topics and create an illustrated summary.

You should:

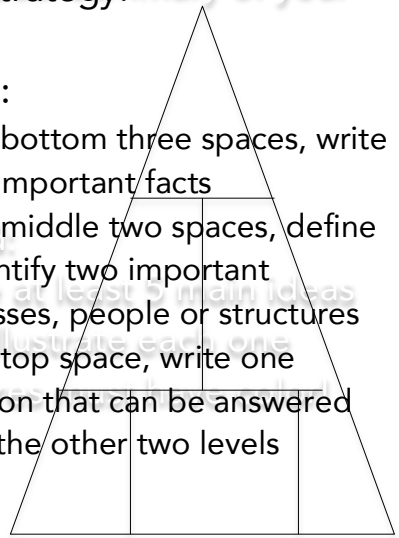
- Divide your notebook page into 8 sections
- Dedicate one panel per main idea
- At the bottom of each box write your caption
- Illustrations for each panel should be meaningful and colorful

3-2-1 Summary

Write a summary of the topic using this strategy.

You should:

- In the bottom three spaces, write three important facts
- In the middle two spaces, define or identify two important processes, people or structures
- In the top space, write one question that can be answered using the other two levels



Acrostic Poem

Choose a term, process or main idea on the topic to create an acrostic poem.

You should:

- Write the term down the left hand side of your paper.
- Write a complete thought about the subject for each letter (not just a single word)
- Include a colored picture

Crossword Puzzle

Create a crossword puzzle using important concepts, terms & events on this topic.

You should:

- Choose ten concepts, terms or events
- Copy the puzzle onto your page, writing the words in crisscross combinations
- Write a clue for each of your tem items under "across" or "down headings

Illustrated Outline

Create an illustrated outline.

You should:

- Choose 3-5 main ideas on the topic
- Turn your notebook sideways. Starting at the margin, separate the page into columns based on the number of main ideas
- Write the topic at the top of each column
- Take at least three bulleted notes under each main idea
- Draw one picture for each main idea

Self Reflection

Reflect on what you have learned on this topic.

You should:

- Write at least three paragraphs
- Include what you knew about the topic before we studied it in class
- Include what you have learned about the topic
- Include the ways in which your attitude to the topic might have changed

Children's Book

Write & illustrate a short, 5-page children's booklet.

You should include:

- a cover with the title and a picture
- a basic summary of the topic, in terms which a child can understand
- five pages with a short amount of text and pictures, in color

CD label

Create a CD label (cover & back with song list) highlighting the main ideas.

You should include:

- A fictional band name & cover art
- 10 track titles highlighting the main ideas of the topic

Boardgame

Create a mini-board game.

You should include:

- A sketch of a miniature version of the board
- The rules for playing
- 10 cards to use in the game, with questions & answers

Brochure

Create an informational brochure.

You should:

- Trifold a piece of blank paper
- Include a cover with a title and a picture
- Summarize the important ideas on the topic
- Include pictures, in color

Ring of Truth

Reflect on what you have learned on this topic.

You should:

- Draw two circles, a smaller circle inside of a larger circle
- In the inner circle, write the main idea
- In the outer circle, list specific facts, ideas and information about the main idea
- In the area outside of the circles, write down common misconceptions that a person might have about the main idea
- Below the Ring of Truth, explain why these misconceptions are wrong and why people might have them

Letter

Write a letter from a famous scientist connected to the topic.

You should include:

- Dear _____,
- At least three paragraphs explaining the topic
- A signature and a date