## **Thinking Maps Key Words**

Take note of the "Key Words" used in the instructions for an assignment or assessment. These will alert you as to which Thinking Map to use to take notes and organize your ideas.

Thinking Process	Key Words	Thinking Map	
Defining in Context  How are you defining this thing or idea?	Define Brainstorm Discuss Identify Tell everything you know	Circle Map	
Describing Qualities  How would you describe this?  What adjectives would you use?	Describe Characteristics Qualities Use vivid language Observe using your 5 senses	Bubble Map	
Comparing & Contrasting  What similarities and differences do these two things have?	Compare & Contrast Similarities & Differences Alike & Different Distinguish Between	Double Bubble Map	
Classifying  What are the main ideas, supporting ideas and details?	Classify Sort Types or kinds of Group Categorize	Tree Map	
Part-Whole  What are the parts and subparts of this whole physical object?	Parts of Show the structure Deconstruct Take apart Physical components	Brace Map	
Sequencing  What happened? What was the sequence of events?  What are the sub stages?	Sequence Put in order Cycles Patterns Steps	Flow Map	
Cause & Effect  What are the causes and effects of this event? What might happen next?	Ifthen Predict Motives Consequences Impact of	Multi-Flow Map	
Seeing Analogies  What is the analogy being used? What is the guiding metaphor?	Identify the relationship Guess the rule Symbolism Analogy Simile/Metaphor	Bridge Map	