

Mind Mapping

- This is a **diagrammatic representation** of information.
- Using mind maps can **help organise ideas** from your lecture which emphasise the **interconnection of concepts** and illustrate the relative **hierarchy of ideas** from titles to main concepts to supporting details. A lot of information can be captured onto one page.
- The general rule is that the **main topic** is placed at the centre of your page and **main ideas** that relate to your **main topic** are branched from this. Any **supporting ideas** that support your **main ideas** are then linked directly to your **main ideas**.

Tip! This technique is perfect to work on your essay structure. Before you even start to write your assignment, you can make a mind map which captures all the main arguments you want to raise and e.g., can include your supporting evidence.

- You may find mind maps difficult to do in a lecture, especially if you are not given material in advance of your lecture. However, you can still create a mind map after your lecture using your detailed notes.

This is an example of a mind map you can use as a reference when creating your own.

