

Make the Connection: Graphic Organizers

Graphic organizers are diagrams or charts designed to help students record their ideas. Graphic organizers or mind maps encourage students to organize their thinking, allowing them to put pencil to paper to record their thoughts in a concise, visual format. Graphic organizers can be used to record ideas, illustrate a concept, or visually explain a problem.

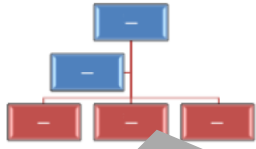



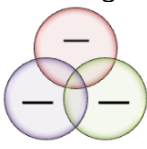
Students like using graphic organizers because:

- ✓ Graphic organizers use fun shapes and designs.
- ✓ Graphic organizers allow students to use a visual learning style.
- ✓ Graphic organizers enhance learning by focusing on main concepts and their relationships and eliminating less important details.

Teachers like using graphic organizers because:

- ✓ Graphic organizers allow teachers to see how students organize their thoughts.
- ✓ Graphic organizers come in a variety of styles, so teachers can modify the complexity, amount of writing, and detail required by students for various needs.
- ✓ Graphic organizers allow students to make connections between related ideas.

Use the chart below to list how you might use the various organizational charts and diagrams in Microsoft PowerPoint as graphic organizers in your practice.

<p>Organization Chart</p> 	<p>Cycle Diagram</p> 	<p>Radial Diagram</p> 
<p>Pyramid Diagram</p> 	<p>Venn Diagram</p> 	<p>Target Diagram</p> 