



Using Graphic Organizers as a Strategy

Graphic organizers are tools that can be used to visualize and organize information.

Graphic organizers can include:

- Venn Diagrams
- Continuums and Time lines
- Flow charts
- Star Diagrams
- Tree (chain of events)

Because graphic organizers are often used as prompts for students to fill in the blanks, graphic organizers provide many benefits to students who use them including:

- Helping students structure a writing project.
- Encouraging students to make decisions.
- Making it easy for students to classify ideas and communicate these ideas in a paper or project.
- Allowing students to examine relationships of topics, themes, etc.
- Guiding students in demonstrating their own thinking process.
- Helping students increase reading comprehension.
- Creating a method to assist the student in brainstorming.
- Encouraging students to organize essential concepts and ideas.
- Making it clear how to break apart a story into the main elements (intro, rising action, climax, etc.).