**Literacy Practice: Concept Map**

**Directions**: Use the following template when reading a *Science News* or *Science News Explores* article. Follow the steps below to create your concept map. Concept maps are graphic organizers that are set up with a main idea in the central area, which can be a box, circle or other shape. Each circle should have a single word or phrase, not lengthy sentences. A line connects the boxes, showing relationships between the main idea and the other topics. To define the connection, you can include a word that explains the relationship between the terms. Try to keep your map on one sheet of paper. Feel free to revise as you learn more!

1. While reading the article, write down terms you come across that you recognize or that you think are important.
2. Once you’ve finished reading, choose one of those terms to be the main concept that you use to create your concept map. Put that term in the big circle in the middle.
3. Write down related terms that you know. Group the related terms and any other terms from the article that you wrote down into topics.
4. Write the related terms in the smaller circles and draw lines to connect the circles to show how the terms are related.
5. Optional: Write words on the lines to explain the relationship between the terms.

**Main Terms: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Related Terms: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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