



Concept Mapping: Overview

What is your concept in as few words as possible without leaving us guessing?

What: A diagram that shows the relationships between ideas that are used to gain a holistic view of the problem space.

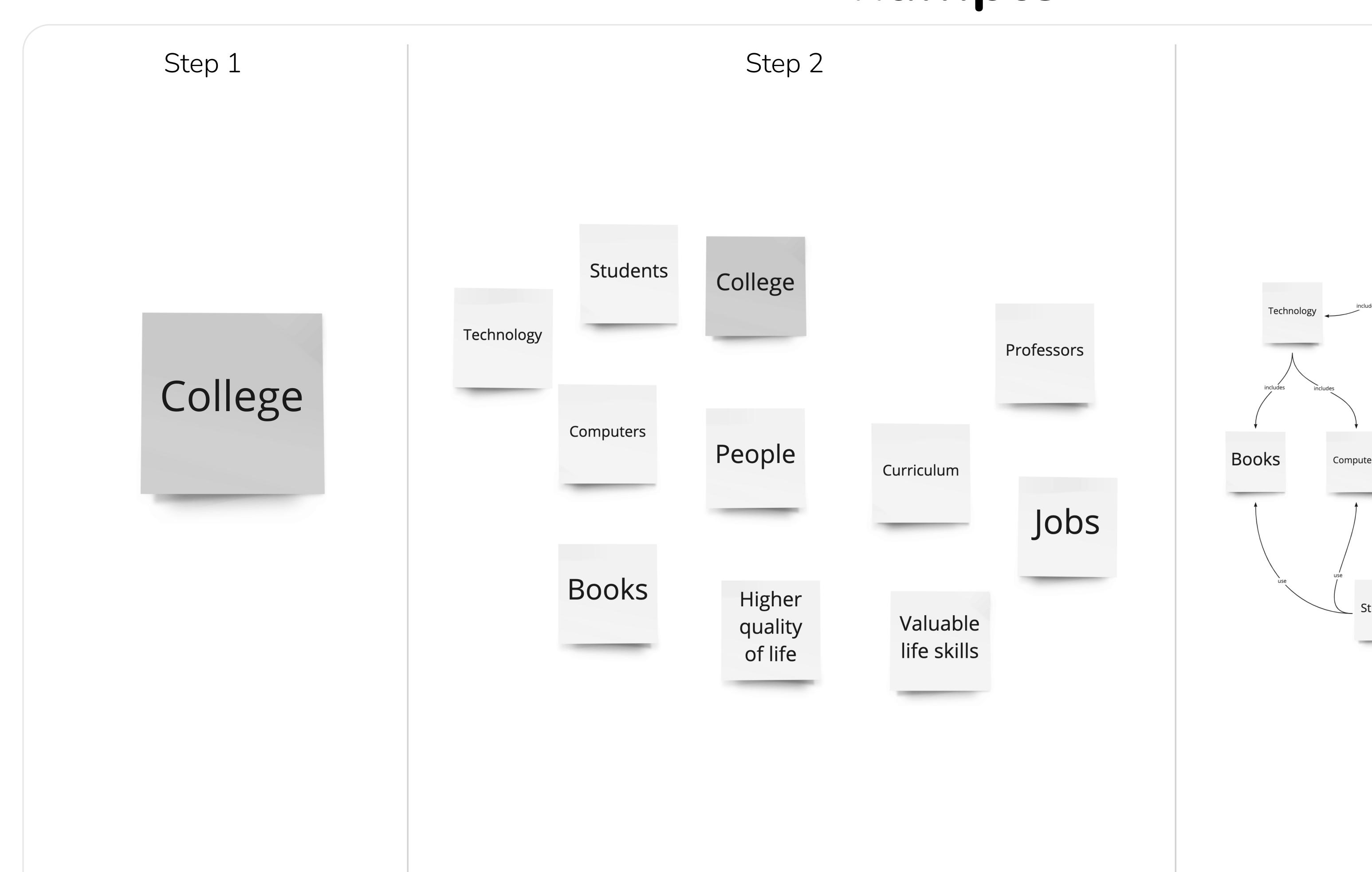
Why: You can visually represent information, identify patterns, and enhance yours and everyone else's understanding of the concept you are developing.

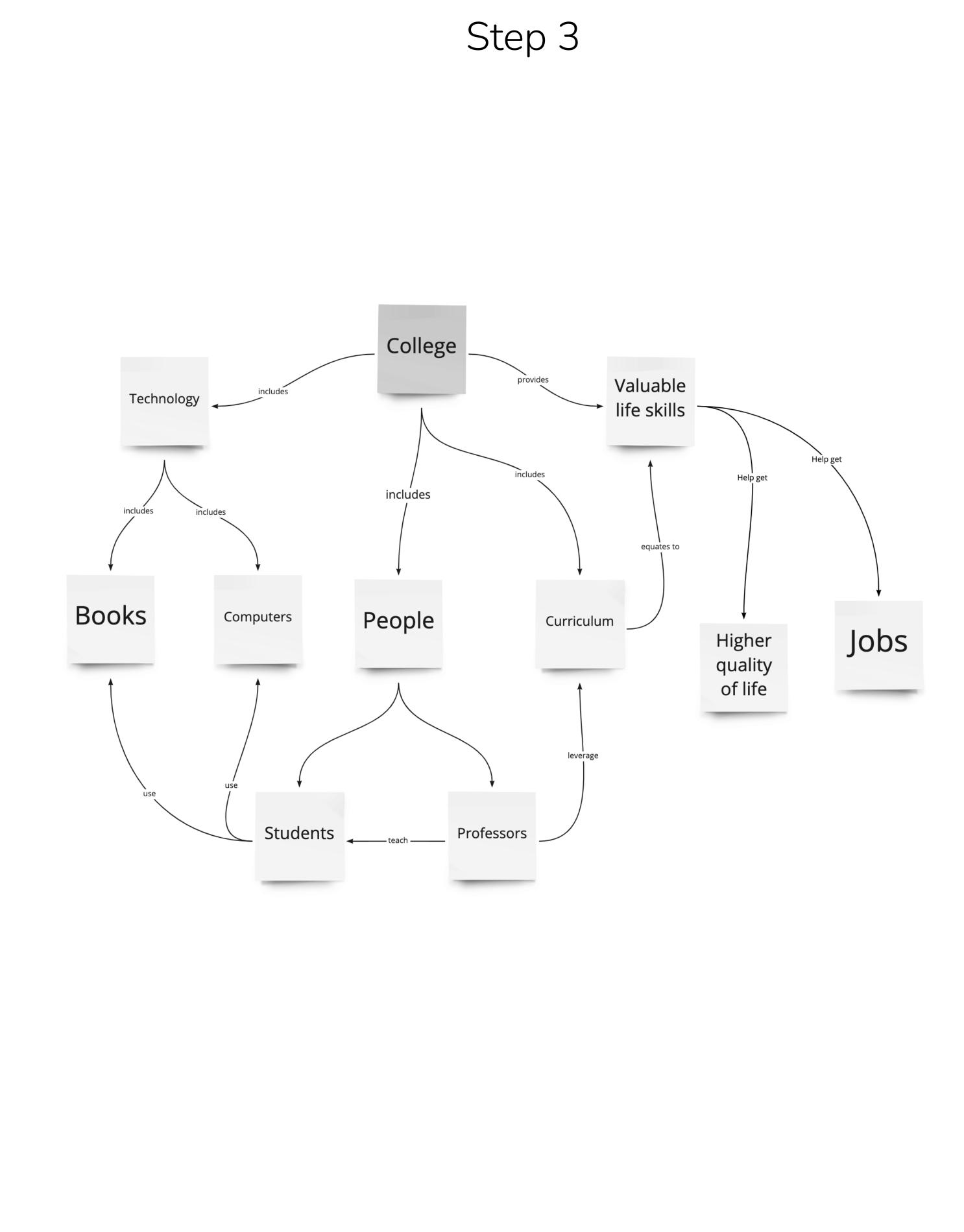
- 1. **Choose a Central Idea -** Decide on a single concept, such as a question or a portion of your problem. The rest of your map will lead back to this idea.
- 2. **Note related ideas -** List key concepts that relate to this idea. Keep each concept name brief, usually 1-3 words.
- 3. **Organize & link -** Order your ideas from the top down, starting with your central idea. Link each idea or group of ideas with arrows, and verbs such as "provides" or "includes" to highlight the relationship of once thought to another.

Concept mapping is a great tool to use to get a bird's eye view of a problem or project that you're working on. This exercise works to unpack and map your ideas with the goal of being able to explore them in more depth and with nuance.

Always be thinking about where these ideas intersect with other aspects on your map. Have fun mapping your ideas out!

Example



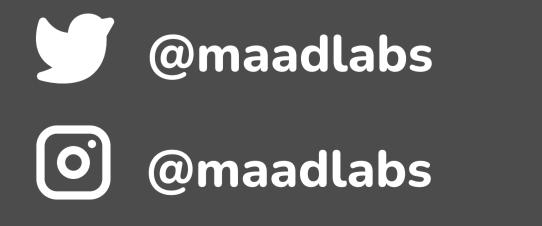






Concept Mapping: Worksheet

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