

Steve Moline challenged participants in his sessions at the 2002 Super Conference to try out some of the strategies he was sharing. He asked us to try to find a way to visually represent the information from his sessions so we could see how powerful the strategy is for note taking. The “a-ha!” for me in his session is how important visual information and representation is at every stage of the research and inquiry process. I hope I have captured the essence of his valuable session visually for you.

VISUAL TOOL

Graphic Organizer

- web
- word wheel

Signs/symbols

- web browser
- VCR
- recorders

Non-Fiction Text Visuals

- maps
- charts
- graphs
- pictograph
- cross-sections
- labelled diagrams
- scale diagram
- cutaway
- magnification
- photographs

Graphic organizers

- web
- map
- Venn diagram
- table
- tree diagram
- flow chart
- graph
- timeline
- relationships on arrows (colour)

Planning a recount

- time line to arrange events in sequence
- storyboard to show how the subject changes over time

Planning a procedure

- storyboard to show how the subject changes as it is being prepared or assembled

Planning a report

- word wheel to list groups
- table to sort a topic into groups and list examples for each group
- tree diagram to sort a topic into groups and sub-groups

Planning an explanation

- storyboard to show how something changes over time
- flow chart to sequence steps in a process
- web diagram to relate participants in a network or system

Planning an argument

- word wheel to list one-step reasons
- flow chart to organize a sequence of linked reasons

Planning a discussion

- table to list and compare opposing attitudes or arguments
- Venn diagram to highlight where conflicting views may overlap (agree)
- web diagram to show relationships between stakeholders in a debate or controversy