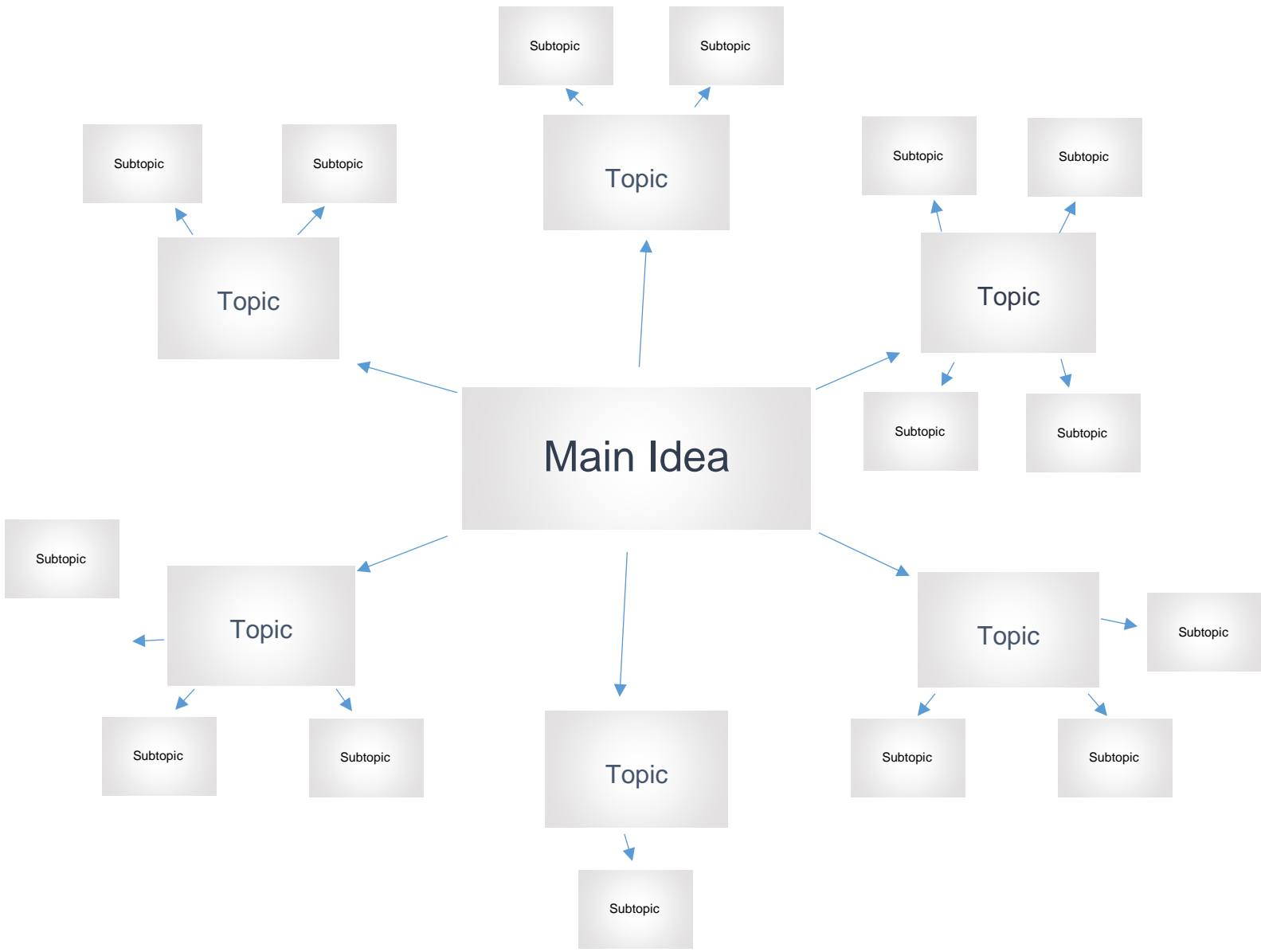


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INTRODUCTION TO METHOD:

Concept mapping is a method used when one topic can be broken down into more specific information. It can be helpful in classes for those in need of a graphic and/or visual structure.

METHOD:

The theory behind a concept map is that it uses the same basic architecture as your brain. Instead of starting at the top of the page, a concept map begins in the center, and ideas spread out from that central point in a logical manner. A concept map is a visual representation or symbol of learned information. See the back of this handout for an example.

ADVANTAGES:

A concept map can be useful if you are a visual or hands-on person. It shows the logical connections between ideas in an easy-to-see format and it does not need to have a structured lecture to be successful. Concept mapping can also be helpful while studying. You can take information from either a textbook or your notes and create a concept map that may help you study more in-depth and understand the content better.

CHALLENGES:

Concept mapping can be difficult when faced with large amounts of data. The information may become too detailed for concept mapping to work. If you need to capture every detail of a lecture, use an outline method first. Then, create the map during studying to help clarify.

WHEN TO USE:

Concept mapping is a great tool for any lecture setting, especially if you are a visual or kinesthetic learner who likes to draw. If you are interested in pursuing concept mapping, there are many online resources to help you excel. Talking to a LASSO Success Coach is beneficial in developing your study skills.

SUCCESS:

Being committed is the key to success. Success does not lie within a method, but in your engagement. Your success with note-taking depends on being engaged and actively listening.