



Hi Klaus,

This Mind Map (click to enlarge) clearly illustrates some important study tips by breaking the information down into the logical groupings of Surroundings, Sessions, Mind Maps, Summarizing text, Music, Food, and Remembering. Each of these topics is clearly explained using just a few words, which, when taken along with the images, make the information easy to understand and use.







Because our brains are particularly good at remembering pictures, especially ones with smooth flowing curves and plenty of color, this Mind Map will stick in your mind and help you to remember to do the right thing when studying, and therefore maximizing the amount of information you both understand and retain.

Recommended Uses for NovaMind

- **Brainstorming** - No matter what learning styles you are most comfortable with, brainstorming with NovaMind brings out your best - and if you get stuck, you can use the Branch Proposal System to suggest new ideas - students are often enchanted by the new directions their learning can take with the BPS.
- **Memorization** - When creating Mind Maps for learning, use the flowing lines of FlexiBranches, bright colors, and humorous images to make the information memorable, and to clearly show the associations between the ideas.
- **Taking Notes** - As a lecture progresses, note the key points as they arise on the main branches of your Mind Map. When the teacher goes into more detail on a point, add sub-branches with appropriate keywords. Where there are specific facts related to the branch, just record it in the text attached to the branch. By the end of the lecture, you will have a compact yet complete record of the entire lesson which will enable you to recall the whole lecture at a glance.
- **Summarizing Information** - NovaMind also makes summarizing research information from text easy, set up key headings about your subject and then add detail on the branches underneath as you extract the information you want from the text.
- **NovaMind For Your Thesis** - Use NovaMind to brainstorm ideas for your thesis then decide on your topic. Plan out your approach to the thesis using NovaMind to break it down into individual topics, sub-topics and possibilities of each. Use NovaMind to build your thesis including all the information and links to further details etc.
- **NovaMind For Assignments** - Record the aims, requirements, research tools and ideas for an upcoming assignment in NovaMind. This helps break the project down into manageable chunks. Cross each accomplishment off your "task list" as it is completed. This leaves less opportunity to overlook any key requirements.
- **NovaMind For Exam Preparation & Memorization** - Your NovaMind Maps become your study maps summarizing vast quantities of information. The use of interconnecting branches, colors, graphics and keywords promote retention of information, prompting visualization of your Map and the retrieval of the information when it counts!
- **NovaMind For Presentations** - Presenting from NovaMind: You can start with your stunning NovaMind document including color and images or start with an outline and get feedback from your audience to build the Mind Map as you go. Your Mind Maps can include hyperlinks to other Mind Maps, web pages or files, allowing you to draw in information from multiple sources. You can build your Mind Map in NovaMind and export it to Keynote, Power Point or as a Java HTML presentation (which runs in your web browser program) for an instant presentation.
- **Learning Foreign Languages** - Learning languages is essentially a matter of associations

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- something that is easy with Mind Maps. With Mind Maps you can take the LinkWord accelerated learning technique formalised by Dr. Michael Gruneborg to the next level by using images representing the object along with the phonetics of the foreign language version, and then use the sub-branches to represent the variations and derivatives of the word in the other language. This allows you to use the visual association, color and flow in conjunction with the humor, mnemonics, and visual recall of the base conceptual images to cement in the new words quickly and easily.



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Homework Exercise

Try out the following method of taking notes of a book or paper using a Mind Map, and increasing your recall of the information:

- Create a Mind Map with the title being the name of the book or paper, or if you are extracting a certain aspect of the information, make that the Mind Map title. If there is a picture on the cover of the book or in the document, you could use that as an idea of what to use as an image for the title.
- Use the titles and sub-titles to create the main topics (Basic Ordering Ideas) and sub-topics.
- Add keywords on sub-branches representing what you consider to be the most important and relevant ideas.
- Recolor and add images as appropriate to make it interesting.
- Wait for a day. Print out the Mind Map without the text, and fill in the text from memory.
- Wait for several days, then recreate the Mind Map from memory. Compare the original and recreated versions.

What next?

Our next email will show you some methods for using NovaMind for planning.

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