Futures Wheel Graphic Organizer

Why it's important

A futures wheel is a graphic organizer tool that allows you to predict future events. Using the knowledge you have of the current situation, consider positive and negative results of an idea, event, or trend.

A creative thinking tool, concept maps like this one are beneficial in organizing information. Issues relating to the topic are organized around the topic with similar items recorded together.

Directions

- 1. Put your starting idea in the center of the page in the **black** circle.
- 2.Fill in the **blue** rectangles with first-order effects that could result from your starting idea.
- 3. For each first-order effect identify two second-order effects (green ovals).
- 4.Repeat for the second-order effects to identify third-order effects (purple squares).
- 5.After completing the futures wheel, discuss which ideas on your wheel could be challenges and which others could be solutions to the given problem.



