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CHARTS

Columns & Categories

Concept or ideas	Supporting details
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Concept Mapping

Concept Mapping is good if you are a visual learner – someone who needs to see the actual connections of the concepts and ideas.