

Sorting Ideas into topics

Suggested Year Levels: Middle School – High School

When to use: During class, taking notes, studying

Background: Students have difficulty organizing notes into specific themes or topics. This is one idea on how to teach students to organize their thoughts.

Materials:

- 20 words

Activities / Procedures

1. Divide students into groups of 3-5
2. Hand students list of 20 words that can be divided into 4 groups
3. Ask students to divide words into 4 groups
4. Students need to label each group with a heading
5. Students discuss answers with class
6. Teacher should then explain how students should do the same process after taking notes for an assignment.