

WHAT:

Lotus Diagram - An analytical tool which can be used for organizing and brainstorming.

WHY:

- Provides a format for organizing ideas and broadening thinking
- Organizes related ideas or thoughts
- Breaks down topics for further study
- Provides a visual representation and a mental model

HOW:

1. Place the main topic in the center rectangle of the diagram.
2. Determine examples related to the main topic and organize the examples clockwise beginning at the diagonal right rectangle.
3. Brainstorm information about each of the subtopics.
4. Develop a separate Lotus for each subtopic to further study each subtopic in greater detail.