

Visualizing Understanding

with

Concept Maps

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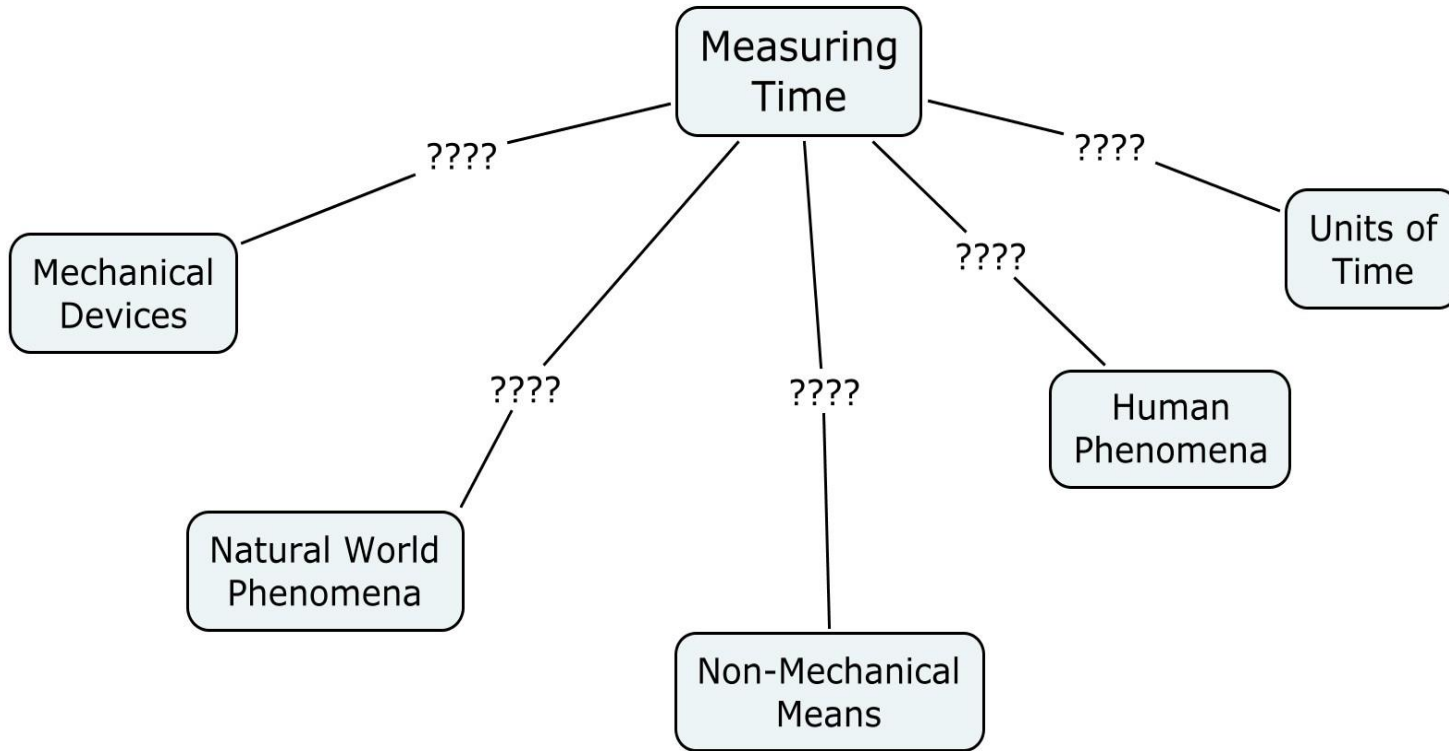
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# What is a Concept Map?

- Visual Representation of Cognitive Knowledge Structures (schemata)
- Scaffolds/Templates to Build Understanding
- Creating a Concept Map
  - Generating Concepts
  - Organizing Concepts (hierarchically, sequentially, etc.)
  - Linking Concepts with Relationships





**Possible relationships:**

- is an example of
- leads to
- is a result of
- include
- can be measured with
- are manifested as
- are greater than
- create

**Concepts**

- sun
- minutes
- shadows
- moon
- hourglass
- walking
- wrinkles
- seasons
- singing
- clock
- hours
- tides
- gray hair
- sundial

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# Concept Maps for Higher Order Thinking

- Analysis and Synthesis
- Facilitating Metacognition
- Emphasis on Relationships Among Ideas
- Improved Retention
- Rapid Retrieval



# FEUP Project

- Connecting Theory and Practice
- Preliminary Results
  - Improved Performance
  - Positive Student Attitude
  - Self-reported Learning Improvement
  - Positive Instructor Observations



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