Connect the Dots through Concept and Mind Maps

What are concept and mind maps?

Concept / mind mapping is a graphical representation of information, ideas, and concepts, represented in a nonlinear format. It encourages creative and critical thinking. Mapping aids in the generation and exploration of ideas and organization of material.

Concept / mind mapping can be used to take notes, ”brain dump” when reviewing material, and to self-quiz when creating it from memory.

While seemingly similar, concept and mind mapping have some distinct differences.

Concept maps:
- May have more than one main concept
- Encapsulate larger and more complex concepts
- Demonstrate the relationship between concepts and their interconnectedness
- Cross-connections between concepts utilize action verbs; causes, requires, leads to, →, etc.
- Good for knowledge representation

Mind maps:
- Only focus on one main concept
- All branches radiate out from the main concept
- Each branch captures a specific topic related to the main concept
- Each branch can have unlimited sub-topics
- Encourages the use of color, icons, pictures, words
- Branches do not cross-connect

Check out these 2 videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReXuXy4M7oY
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uy5Y4pl8XTV0

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