Steps to building a concept map

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Engineering considerations

- Hazards
  - Rocks
- Elevation
- Latitude
  - Winds

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Get/Give feedback

- Is the map easy to follow?
- Are there concepts that should be added or removed?
- Are the concepts arranged in a logical manner?
- How does it contribute to your understanding of the subject area?