Rubric for Concept Map

CRITERIA	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Observable descriptors indicating extent to which a criterion is met.)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
	 Bare minimum number of concepts selected relating to topic Arrangement of 	• Acceptable number of concepts selected, with some relationships to topic	• Most concepts relating to topic were selected	Most concepts and all significant concepts selected and they clearly relate to the topic
Concepts (Knowledge)	concepts illustrates basic understanding of relationships between them	• Arrangement of concepts demonstrates understanding of relationship between them	Arrangement of concepts demonstrates a complete understanding of relationship between them	• Arrangement of concepts demonstrates complete and insightful understanding of relationship between them
Hierarchical Structure (Communication)	• Some sense of hierarchical structure.	• Hierarchical structure used, but still some inconsistency.	• Most concepts connected in a hierarchical structure moving from major ideas to minor ideas.	• All concepts connected in a hierarchical structure leading from more complex to less complex, and on to specific concepts.
Linkages (Thinking)	 Few relationships indicated by connecting lines Few lines labeled with linking 	 Some relationships indicated by connecting lines Some lines labeled with linking 	 Most relationships indicated by connecting lines Most lines labeled with 	 All relationships indicated by connecting lines All lines labeled with linking words
	wordsLinking words are simple and repetitive	words • Linking words show variety	Linking wordsLinking words are accurate and varied	• Linking words are expressive and purposeful