

CONSTRUCTING MEANING: MIND MAPPING

CHARACTERISTICS

The graphic organizer consists of a central illustration of a person's head with brown hair and a red shirt. The face is partially obscured by a 2x2 grid of white boxes. Surrounding the head are four white thought bubbles, each containing three horizontal lines for writing. The word "THOUGHT" is printed in bold black letters below each bubble.

Read a newspaper feature story about a person. As you read, put yourself in this person's place. Think what might be going through his or her mind at different points in the story. As you come up with ideas, record them in the thought bubbles on this graphic organizer. Once you have completed the mind map, share your thoughts with at least one other person who read the same story. Compare and contrast your ideas about the person in the article. Based on your inferences and discussion, brainstorm characteristics that describe the person. Write these inside the head on the organizer.

RUBRIC	Self-Check
1. I read a newspaper article that featured a particular person.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. As I read, I put myself in the place of the person and recorded in the thought bubbles what he or she might have been thinking at different times in the article.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I shared my mind map with another person who read the same article, and we compared and contrasted our ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I brainstormed characteristics about the person in the article and recorded these on the mind map organizer.	<input type="checkbox"/>