Strategies for Using Prezi in the Classroom

Using Prezi to Enhance the Presentation of Information

Prezi can enhance lectures by:
- Providing a visually clear blueprint for the lecture.
- Allowing a better depiction of relationships.
- Melding with different types of learning styles.
- Permitting nonlinear presentations.
- Facilitating smoother presentations.

Using Prezi to Create Concept Maps

Concept maps can be an excellent tool for learning. Here are some strategies for incorporating concept maps into the learning process:

- Concept maps may be assigned to individual students, groups of students, or the entire class (through computerized modules and a projector). This enables students to engage in topic exploration and classification interactively and iteratively.
- One strategy is to give students a ‘focus question,’ or specific problem or idea that they need to explain via concept maps. Evaluate their work based on the clarity of the concept map.
- Another option is to give students a focus question as well as a list of twenty or thirty different concepts that should be placed in a concept map; their job is to determine how to best visually represent the relationships between these ideas.
- Finally, instructors may complete parts of a concept map and leave others blank, then ask students to fill in the empty spots. This makes for an excellent homework or classroom assignment.
- While these exercises can be done with Prezi, they may also be completed using concept map specific software such as Freemind.