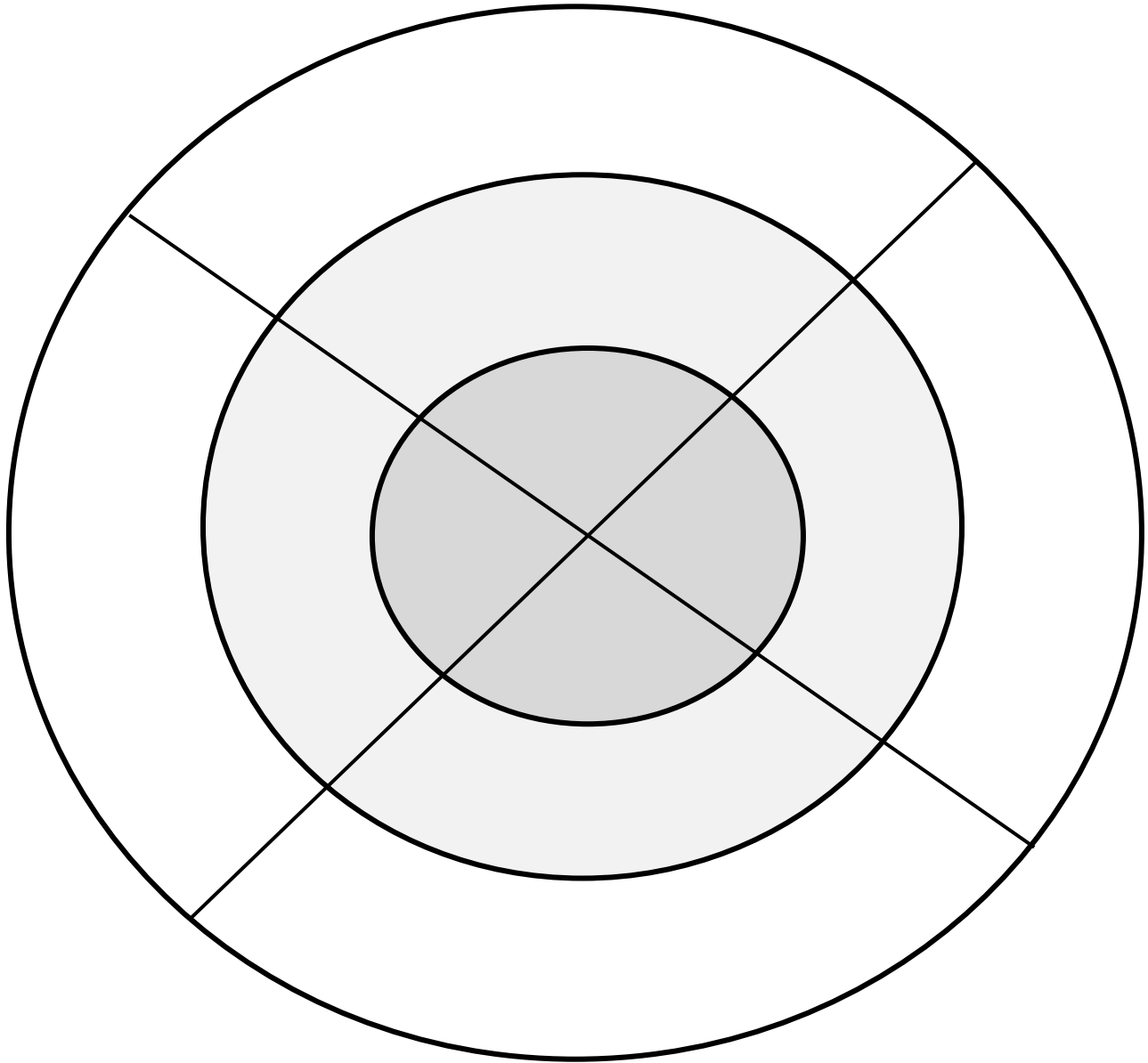


MAIN IDEAS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

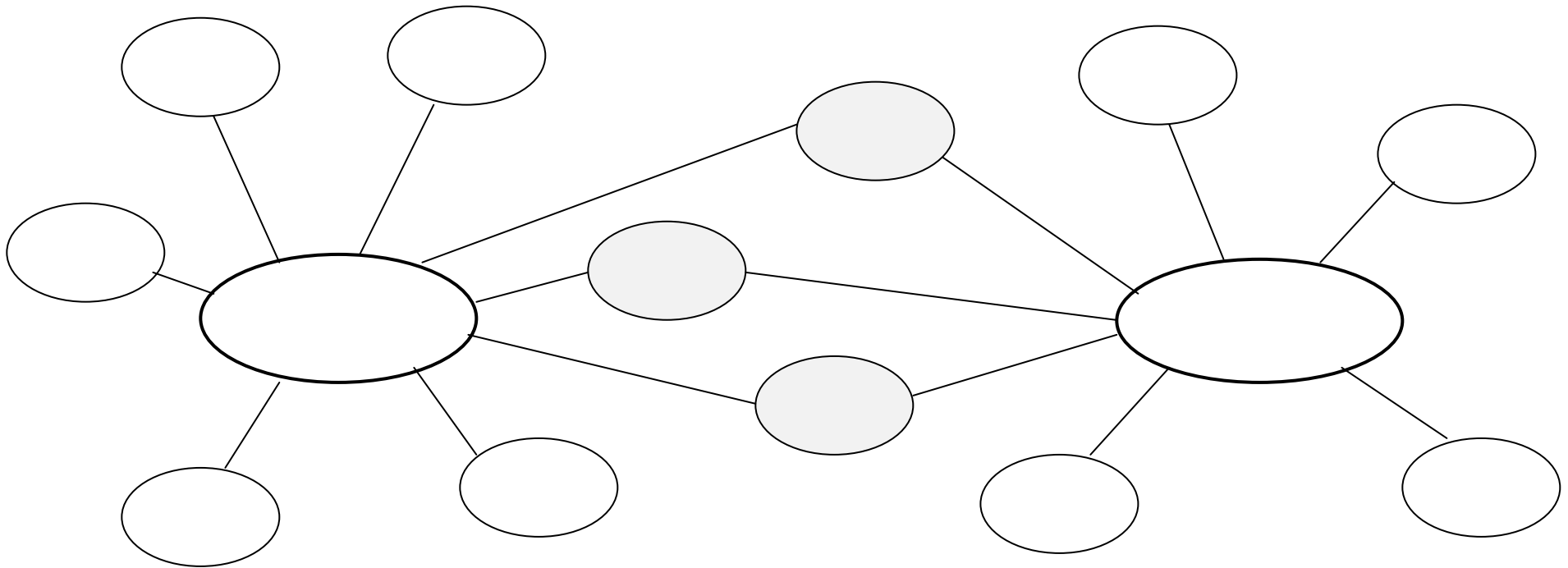


1. Review your analysis and notes and highlight words or phrases that represent key ideas and evidence.
2. Put each highlighted word or phrase on a post-it note.
3. Use the graphic organizer above (or a poster-size version of the organizer) to sort your post-it notes. Place your most important ideas in the center, with evidence of those ideas in the second ring and examples or details in the outer ring.
4. Analyze the ideas you have put into the center. If they naturally fall into different categories or aspects of the main topic/question, move the post-its to different sections of center circle. Move all related ideas into the same pie section.
5. Evaluate your ideas. Does the inner circle represent all the major ideas you need to draw a conclusion about your inquiry question? Do you have enough evidence to back up your conclusion, or do you have some gaps? Do you have enough specific examples and details to bring your conclusions alive for your audience?

MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES: POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Issue or Question:	
Perspective of _____	Perspective of _____
Point:	Counterpoint:
Point:	Counterpoint:
Point:	Counterpoint:
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My own perspective is. . . because. . .	

CONNECTING IDEAS ACROSS TEXTS



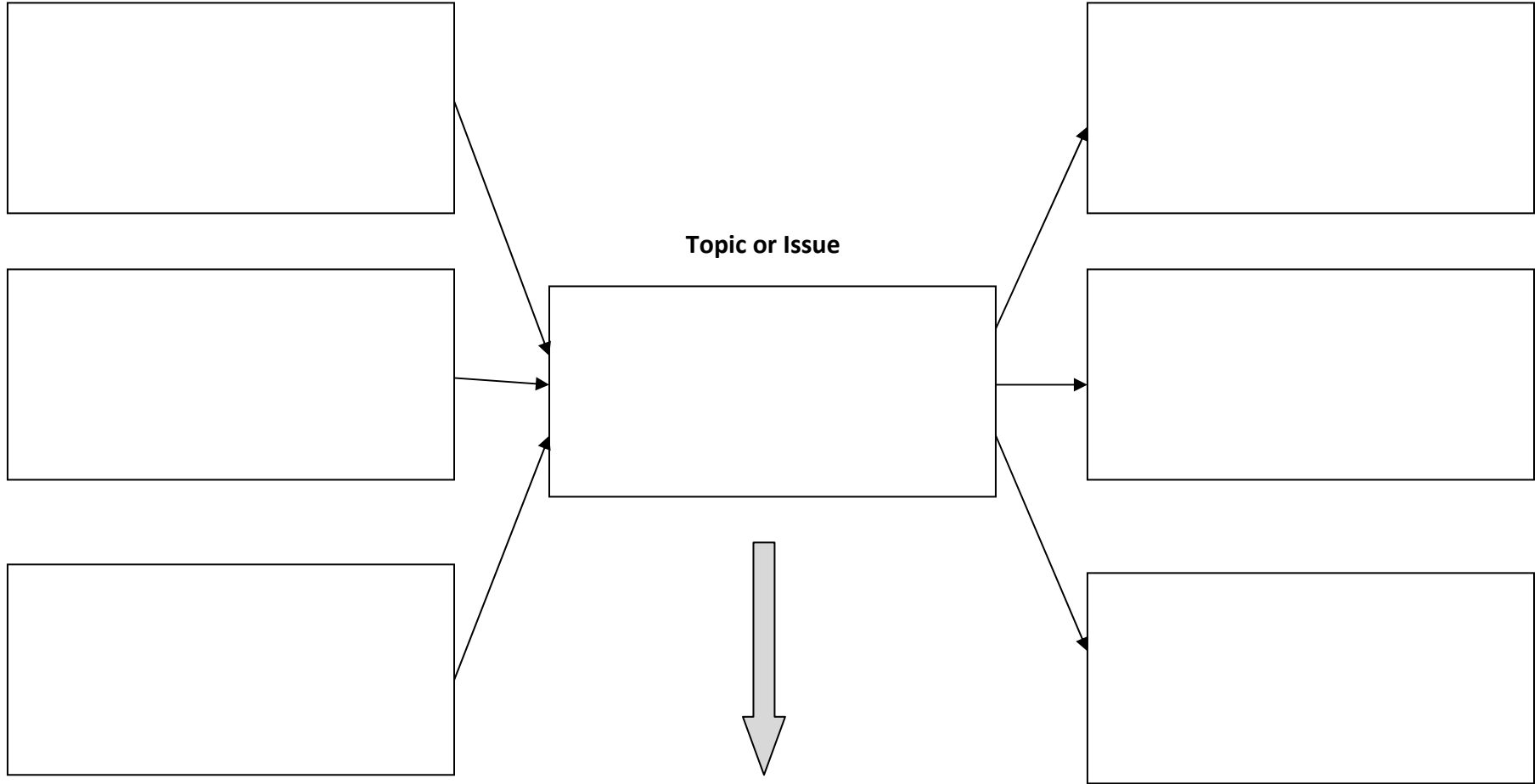
Connections → Conclusions

1. Create an idea map from each text that you read or view, with the main idea in the center and supporting ideas around the outside.
2. Place your maps side by side. Draw lines from one map to another to connect similar ideas that emerged from each text.
3. Continue connecting ideas across texts as you analyze and create idea maps for additional texts. What ideas can you not verify through multiple texts? Are those ideas inaccurate or do they represent a particular point of view that is different from the other perspectives you have investigated? Do you need to find additional information from that point of view?
4. Look at the ideas that connected across texts. Draw conclusions from those verified or common ideas.

CAUSES AND EFFECTS

Causes

Effects



Topic or Issue

Conclusions