

CAP: Moanalua High School Success Standards: Information Sheet

Among all of the skills that you are expected to learn and your teachers are expected to teach, some educators have identified the three standards listed below as extremely important in all content areas. Many see the mastery of these standards as essential for success in college, the workplace and in life in general. Here at Moanalua High School we are calling these our “Success Standards” as we believe you will find success in all areas of your life if you are able to master and apply these three standards.

What are the Three Standards?

- Gathering and Organizing Information
- Solving Complex Problems
- Defending Your Thinking with Evidence

What do we mean by Gathering and Organizing Information?

- Gathering information includes all the ways that you would look for and get information that would help you solve the “complex problem” you are working on. (examples below)
- Examples:
 - Research: books, digital etc.
 - Reading articles etc.
 - Interviewing
- Organizing information would be all the tools you would use to make the information you have found make sense to you and useful in organizing your thoughts. (examples below)
- Examples:
 - Thinking Maps
 - Outlining
 - Summarizing and taking notes

What is a Solving Complex Problem?

- Complex problems are open-ended, relevant questions that would challenge you to find a solution based on research and information gathering and not just on finding the answer in a book or reading. These problems are usually significant and meaningful to you. There usually is no one “correct” answer and your answer would need to be defended with the information you have gathered.
- Examples:
 - Which 1950 invention had the greatest impact on society?
 - Which character in Romeo and Juliet had the most admirable traits?
 - Are GMOs harmful to society?
 - Which method is the best to use in solving a problem?
 - Which household cleaner is the best to use?

What do we mean by Defending Your Thinking with Evidence?

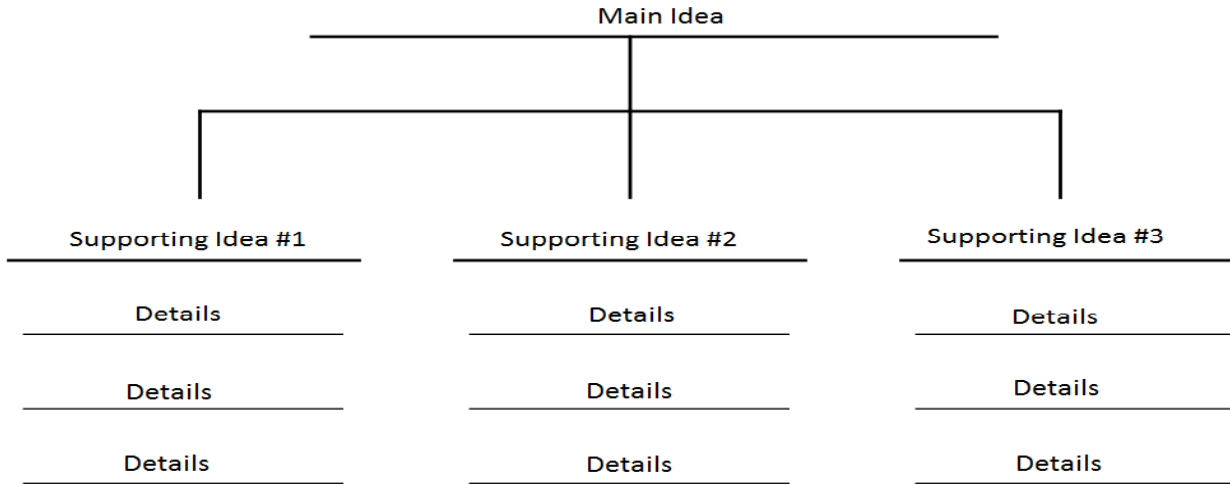
- Defending your thinking with evidence would include taking a stand based on the information you have gathered and defending it with your evidence.
- Examples:
 - Writing an essay
 - Making a speech
 - Creating a poster/video
 - Verbally explaining your decision

Name: _____ Date: _____ CAP Teacher: _____

Moanalua High School Success Standards Student Worksheet

Instructions: Read the “Moanalua High School Success Standards” Information Sheet. Use the Tree Map (Thinking Map) to organize the information to show your understanding of the three success standards. Draw your own Tree Map below.

Tree Map



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