

## 2.1 - - - Developing a Thesis

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### Part 1: ISU Intro

This chapter will prepare you to begin your ISU that is worth 10% of your final grade. For the ISU you will be required to choose a topic that interests you and conduct a study that analyses large amounts of data using:

- one---variable statistics tools (chapter 3)
- two variable statistics tools (chapter 1)
- probability (chapter 4/5)

### Part 2: Mind---Map

Before you can begin your project, you must create a thesis:

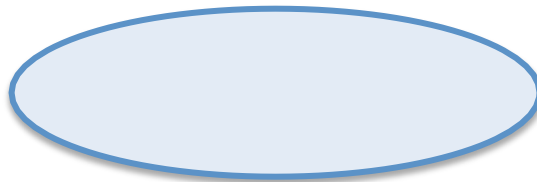
***thesis:***

To begin creating a thesis, you must first determine what topics interest you and then determine what concepts related to that topic you want to study. A useful brainstorming tool that can illustrate how a topic relates to other concepts is a \_\_\_\_\_.

***mind map:***

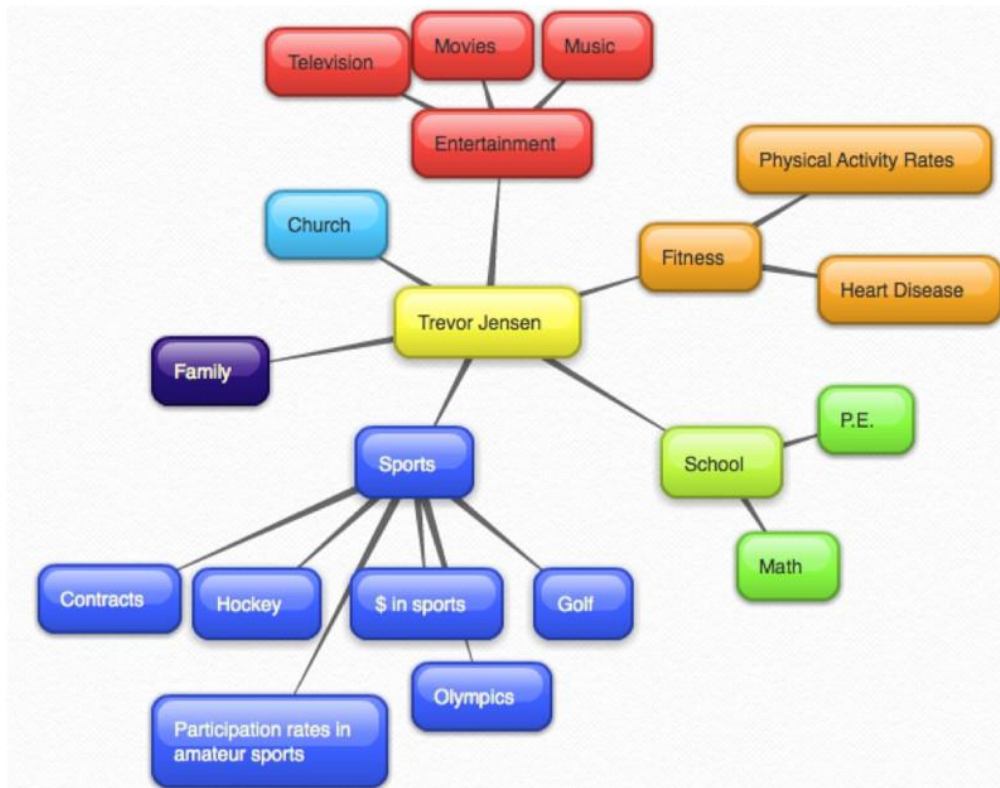
### Constructing a Mind Map

**1.** Start by making a mind map of your interests with you at the centre. Start off as simple as possible and draw arrows to show how topics are connected. Work from the inside out.



## **Extended Mind Map**

2. Pick one of the topics from your mind map and extend it with sub---topics.



## **Part 3: Thesis Question Development**

Once you have narrowed down your topic, you will need to pose a problem that you plan to investigate.

3. Brainstorm and create number of questions that can be explored with the use of statistical information

## **Thesis Question Analysis**

Questions to ask of your Thesis:

**4.** Once you have chosen your thesis, analyse it using the three questions above to make sure your study will be able to provide an insightful answer.

**Thesis:**

**Analysis:**

**Project tips:**

One way of posing a problem is to generate questions from data. For example, once a topic has been identified, do a preliminary data search. The type and quantity of available data may indicate some possible questions. Data from print sources, the Internet, and E---Stat are some resources that may be used.