

# “Whole-Brain” Connectors

As part of your class notebook you are required to create “whole-brain” connectors that show a relationship or “connection” to the notes provided in class (these are the pages given to you in class that you first complete using “rainbow” note-taking). A whole-brain connector is a visual representation of a concept, idea, or content discussed in the class notes. All connectors MUST connect to the NOTES, not the class reading or discussions. The purpose of connectors is to show your understanding of the notes presented in class. A connector may be made using pictures cut from magazines or using clip art from the internet. No personal drawings or words may be used as connectors...ONLY IMAGES! The connector may be a literal or an abstract item that is somehow connected to the content presented in the notes. It is recommended that students create connectors for information they do not already know as this activity is designed to assist in learning new information.

## Examples of “Whole-Brain” Connectors:

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(RAINBOW NOTES GIVEN IN CLASS)

#### I. The First Americans

A. *Archeologists believe these people crossed a land bridge that connected Asia and modern day Alaska. Large sheets of ice, called **glaciers**, locked up much of the earth’s water creating this bridge. These people were probably hunters following wild game.*

### RIGHT SIDE OF PAPER

(CONNECTORS)



(Literal Example)

The picture of the bridge reminds me of I. “The First Americans” because a land bridge was followed by the first people who came from Asia to North America following wild game.

### Four Steps For Creating Your “Whole-Brain” Connectors:

1. Read the section of notes you are trying to make a connector to so you understand the content.
2. Identify the name of the image you are choosing for your connector. (Example: The picture of the \_\_\_\_\_ reminds me of....)
3. Identify the Roman Numeral section you are creating your connector to.
4. Create your connector. Explain why the image you have chosen reminds you of that particular part of the notes.



(Abstract Example)

The snowman reminds me of I. “The First Americans” because snow reminds me of ice and ice reminds me of glaciers. Glaciers remind me that the first people came to North America from Asia following wild game during a time when the earth’s water was locked in glaciers creating a land bridge between these two places.