



Two Column Chart

Flexible Graphic Organizers for Enhanced Learning

Suggested Time: 20 minutes

Student Tasks:

- Identify key concepts or ideas related to the topic.
- Organize thoughts using the two-column chart format.
- Support entries with evidence from texts or discussions.
- Share and discuss charts with classmates to deepen understanding.
- Reflect on how the chart helped clarify or expand knowledge on the topic.

Online ThinkCERCA Resources

- Complex texts
- Tools for scaffolding reading (focus mode, translation, picture dictionary, online glossary, audio support, syllabication, part of speech, etc.)

Strategy

The Two Column Chart strategy provides a customizable graphic organizer that allows students to structure their thoughts and ideas based on the topic being studied. This adaptable tool can be used for various purposes, including comparing and contrasting concepts, and finding main ideas and details.

Optimal Application Notes

This strategy promotes critical thinking and helps students organize their understanding of the material. Teachers can model how to use the chart with a sample topic before having students create their own.

Before:

- Choose a topic relevant to the current lesson (e.g., themes, characters, events).
- Prepare blank two-column charts for each student, or have them create their own by drawing two columns on a piece of paper.
- Ensure students have access to necessary texts or materials to complete their charts.

During:

- Distribute the blank two-column charts to students.
- Instruct students to label the first column with a key concept or “Topic” and in the second column with “Information, Details, Examples.”
- Encourage students to fill in their charts with relevant information, facts, or ideas from their readings or discussions.
- Allow time for students to work independently, emphasizing the importance of using evidence from texts to support their entries.

After:

- Facilitate a class discussion where students share insights from their charts.
- Encourage students to compare their charts with peers, allowing them to expand on ideas and refine their understanding.
- Reinforce the flexibility of the two-column chart by discussing how it can be adapted for different subjects or assignments.

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Instructions: As you explore the topic, use this two-column chart to organize your thoughts. In the first column, write down key concepts or ideas you want to focus on. In the second column, add related information, details, or examples that connect to those concepts. This chart will help you see relationships and deepen your understanding of the material!

Topic	Information, Details, Examples