

Pictorial Outline

What is a Pictorial Outline and why is it important?

A Pictorial Outline (Carr & Wixson, 1986) is a free-form illustration that students can construct to organize text concepts and vocabulary. Students learn information by drawing a big picture of text events and ideas. They are thinking creatively and critically when they use this strategy.

How can I use a Pictorial Outline with my students?

After reading a passage, discuss it with students and list the important ideas they have learned. Ask students to draw a picture that includes those ideas. Below the picture, they can write a description of the ideas using vocabulary words from the passage.

