Patterns and big ideas

Offer students a variety of tools and approaches to help them highlight patterns, critical features, big ideas, and relationships between concepts.

Support understanding by offering:

- information presented in multiple ways (including songs and chants, short skits or performances, digital media)
- highlighters to identify key words/phrases and text features
- coloured paper or sticky notes as reminders or review of key concepts, or big ideas
- graphic organisers to support organisation of new ideas
- scaffolded activities (for example, cloze activities, word banks, sentence starters, prompts)
- exemplar templates students can refer to
- comparisons of familiar concepts to lead to new concepts
- digital time management or calendar for organising assignment tasks and deadlines
- text or visual prompts to scaffold students through tasks.

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