



Heart Maps

**Inspired by NYC teachers.
Brought to you by:**

Olga Fotinis

Instructional coach K-5, NYC

Instructional Focus Areas:

- Standards Alignment
- Data-Driven Instruction
- Differentiation and Scaffolding
- Effective Small Group Instruction
- Instructional Practices and Strategies



1. Traditional Personal Heart Map

Purpose: Helps students brainstorm topics they care about for writing.

2. Thematic Heart Map

Purpose: Centers around a theme such as kindness, perseverance, or friendship.

3. Persuasive Heart Map

Purpose: Helps students generate ideas for persuasive writing.

4. Genre-Based Heart Map

Purpose: Supports writing in different genres.

5. Classroom Community Heart Map

Purpose: Encourages students to reflect on their classroom community.

6. Character Heart Map (for Literature Study)

Purpose: Helps students analyze a character from a book.

7. Five Senses

8. Make Your Own

People I Love

Places That Matter to Me

Favorite Memories

Hobbies & Interests

Things That Make Me Happy

Challenges I Have Overcome

What the theme means to me

A personal experience related to the theme

People who demonstrate this theme

Books/movies that show this theme

Actions I can take to live this theme

Topics I care about

Problems I want to solve

Things I wish would change in the world

Things I believe strongly in

Ways I can take action

Favorite stories/books

Fictional ideas I want to write about

Personal experiences I can use in stories

Topics I want to research for nonfiction writing

Favorite words/phrases that inspire me

What I love about my class

How my classmates support me

What makes a great classmate

A memory from this school year

What does this character love?

What motivates this character?

How they change throughout the story

Challenges they face



