

## **FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL CONCEPT MAP CHECKLIST**

**Create a concept map that brings together in a graphic organizer the information you gleaned from observing the beginning of the school year. This assignment is intended to help you determine and use in your practice the strategies and activities by the classroom teacher that create a positive classroom climate in which maximum learning can occur.**

1. Concept map shows comments by teacher to get year off to good start.	
2. Concept map shows activities designed to get to know students and build a positive classroom environment.	
3. Concept map shows how course content, texts and resources were introduced.	
4. Concept map shows how policies, i.e., homework, attendance, were explained.	
5. Concept map shows room arrangement and classroom environment.	
6. Concept map shows how classroom management and discipline was handled.	
7. Concept map shows how classroom procedures were handled, i.e., the method or strategy used by the teacher for handing in assignments/homework.	
8. Concept map is detailed and thorough.	
9. Concept map includes writer's attitude about what was seen and heard.	
10. Concept map assignment provides analysis and reflection.	

Holistic grading will be used to grade this assignment. Holistic grading relies on the reader's initial, almost intuitive, reaction to a student paper, using, in this case, the criteria listed above.

Grade: