**Purpose:** To develop understanding of new vocabulary by connecting vocabulary and student prior knowledge

**Materials:** word map graphic organizers, pencils

**Procedure:**
- Pass out one word map to each student.
- Students write the vocabulary word in the middle box.
- Students write the definition in the corresponding box. Provide the definition, make a definition as part of a class discussion, or have students look up the word in a student dictionary.
- Students write sentences with the word in the corresponding box. These sentences can either be from a text or made up by the student.
- Students write synonyms and antonyms in the corresponding boxes. If the word does not have good synonyms and antonyms, the boxes can be used for example and non-examples instead.
- Optional: Students can illustrate the word on the back of the word map.
Word Map

Name_____________________________________

Definition

Synonyms

Antonyms

Word

Sentences