Best Teaching Practices
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Using Thinking Maps and Giving Textural Support for the Answers to Multiple Choice Questions

- The Multi-Flow Map is commonly used when students show and analyze Cause and Effect relationships.
- I have found that using half of the Multi-Flow Map is very useful when trying to get students to explain their answers for multiple choice questions with figures, diagrams and narrative support.
- Using the left side of the Multi-Flow Map as seen below, the student finds three pieces of textural support that influence their choice of answers to the multiple choice question.
• The students draw the maps on their papers as follows and find either support from the diagrams or figures in their textbook or in the narrative portion of the chapter.

• This strategy has helped my students when analyzing questions and finding information in their textbooks.

• This strategy also encourages students to look at the diagrams in their textbook and understand that the important information in a Science text is usually summarized in the diagrams or graphic information.