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ABSTRACT

This document compiles 11 individual summaries of Catholic school curriculum standards in Alberta, Canada, for Kindergarten through grade 9 and senior high school. Intended for parents as a companion to the Alberta Curriculum Guides, the summaries use an "at a glance" schematic to list the curricular goals for each subject area. In addition to English language arts, mathematics, and science, subject areas include social studies, physical education, health and life skills, fine arts, and languages other than English, with variations depending upon grade level. Each summary also lists sources for additional information. (HTH)

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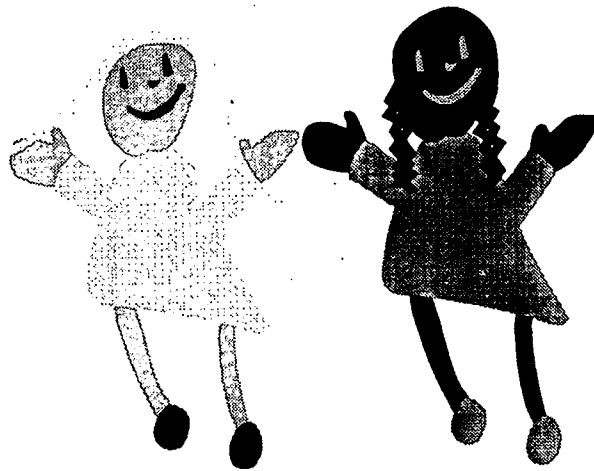
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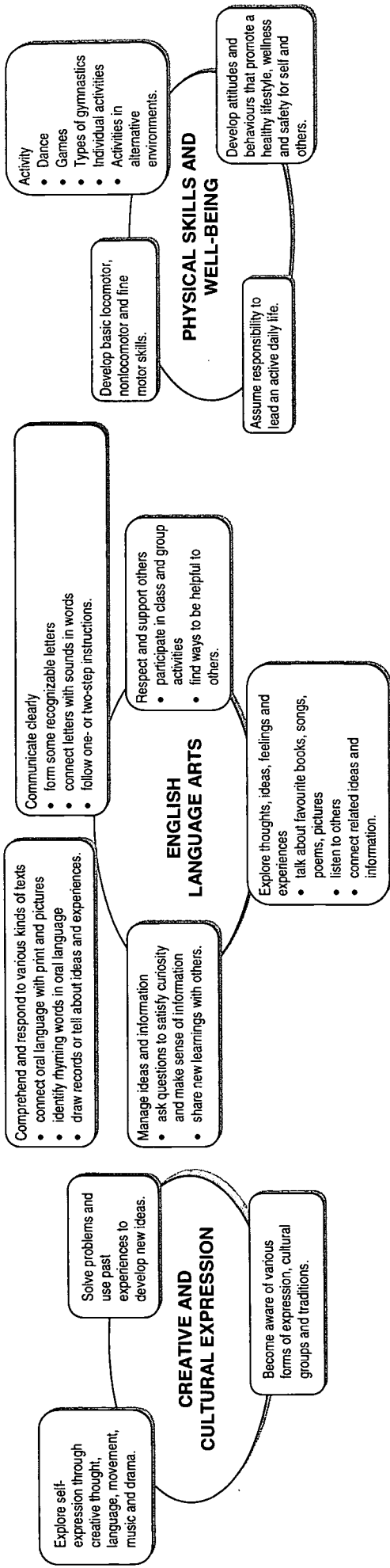
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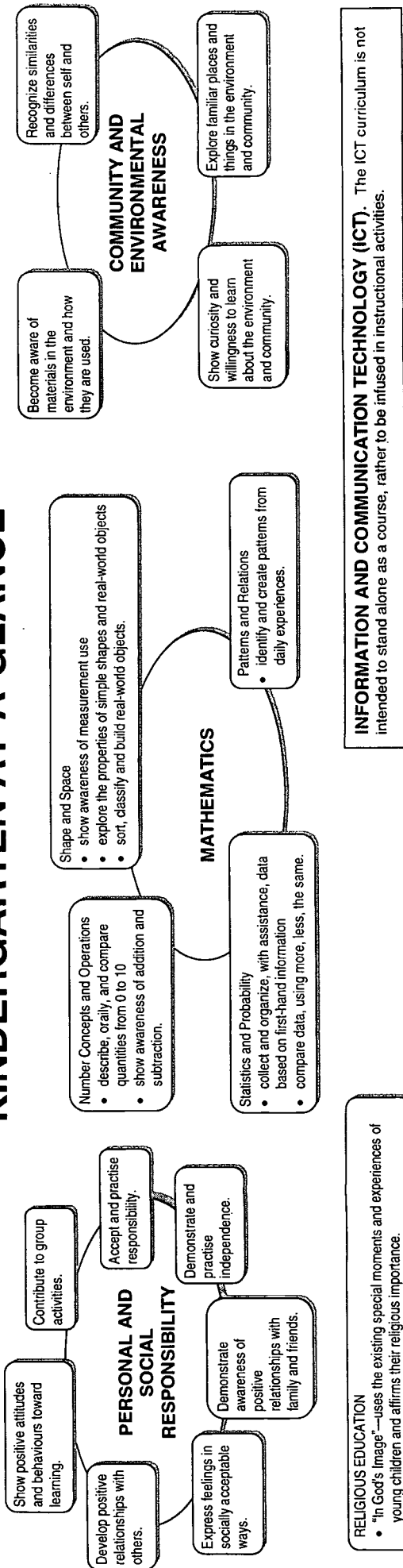
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KINDERGARTEN AT-A-GLANCE



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- "In God's Image"—uses the existing special moments and experiences of young children and affirms their religious importance.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Entering Kindergarten is an exciting time for children. Parents and teachers work together to make the transition from home to school as smooth as possible.



Learning in Kindergarten

The curriculum, or *Kindergarten Program Statement*, is developed by Alberta Learning in consultation with early childhood educators. It describes what young children need to learn to prepare for entry into Grade 1, and provides a foundation for later grades. Children accomplish these learnings not only in the Kindergarten program, but also in their homes and communities.

Teachers use the curriculum to plan learning activities that meet the Kindergarten children's needs and abilities, and to assess their progress. The Kindergarten area is a busy and ever-changing place, with a variety of learning centres.

Supports for learning includes special needs programming and early literacy assistance.

Information for Parents

Parents can access information about the Kindergarten program in a variety of ways:

- your child's teacher or school
- Curriculum Summary
- Curriculum Handbook
- the Kindergarten page on the Alberta Learning Web site.

How Can I Help My Child?

- Be involved in the Kindergarten experience as much as you can.
- Keep in contact with your child's teacher so you are both informed about your child's progress and development.
- Talk with your child about their experiences in Kindergarten.
- Encourage your child through at-home activities, such as bedtime reading, listening to music, making decisions by offering choices, practising motor skills such as throwing and catching, drawing, cutting and doing puzzles.

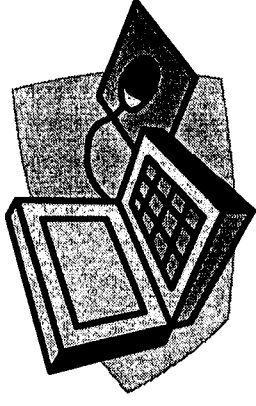
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Languages Other than English

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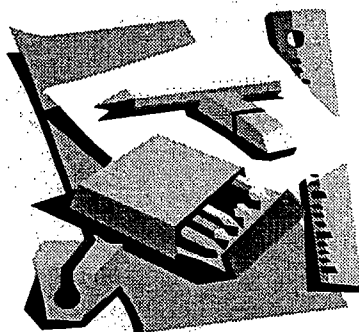
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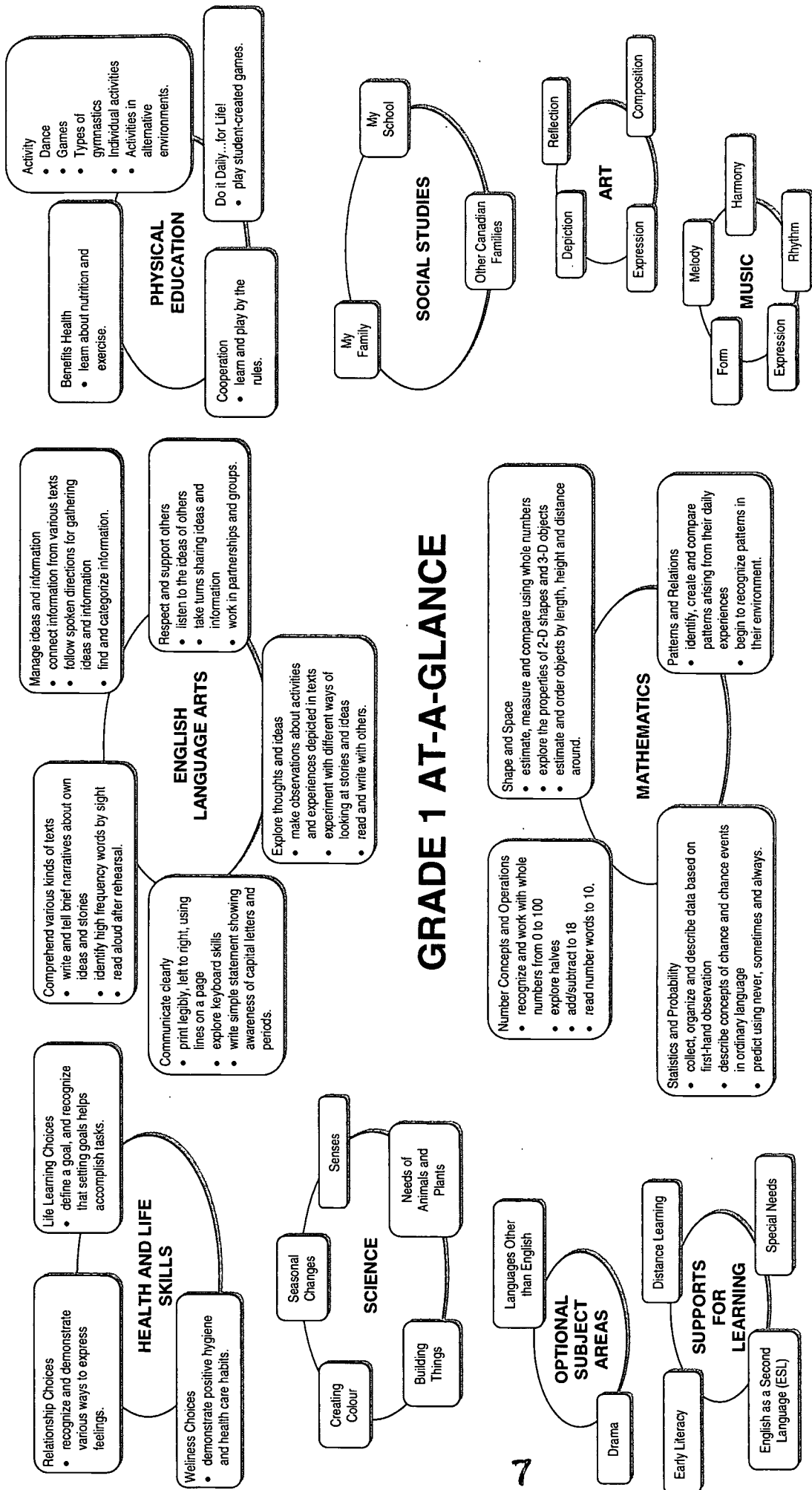
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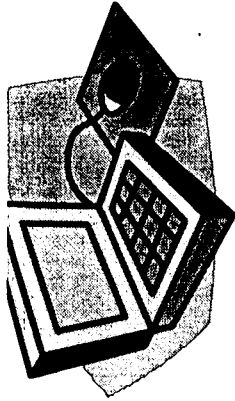
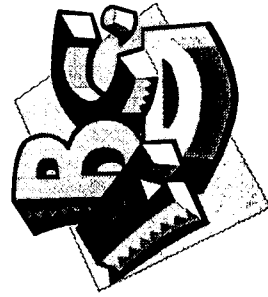
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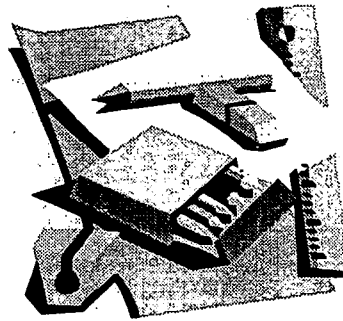
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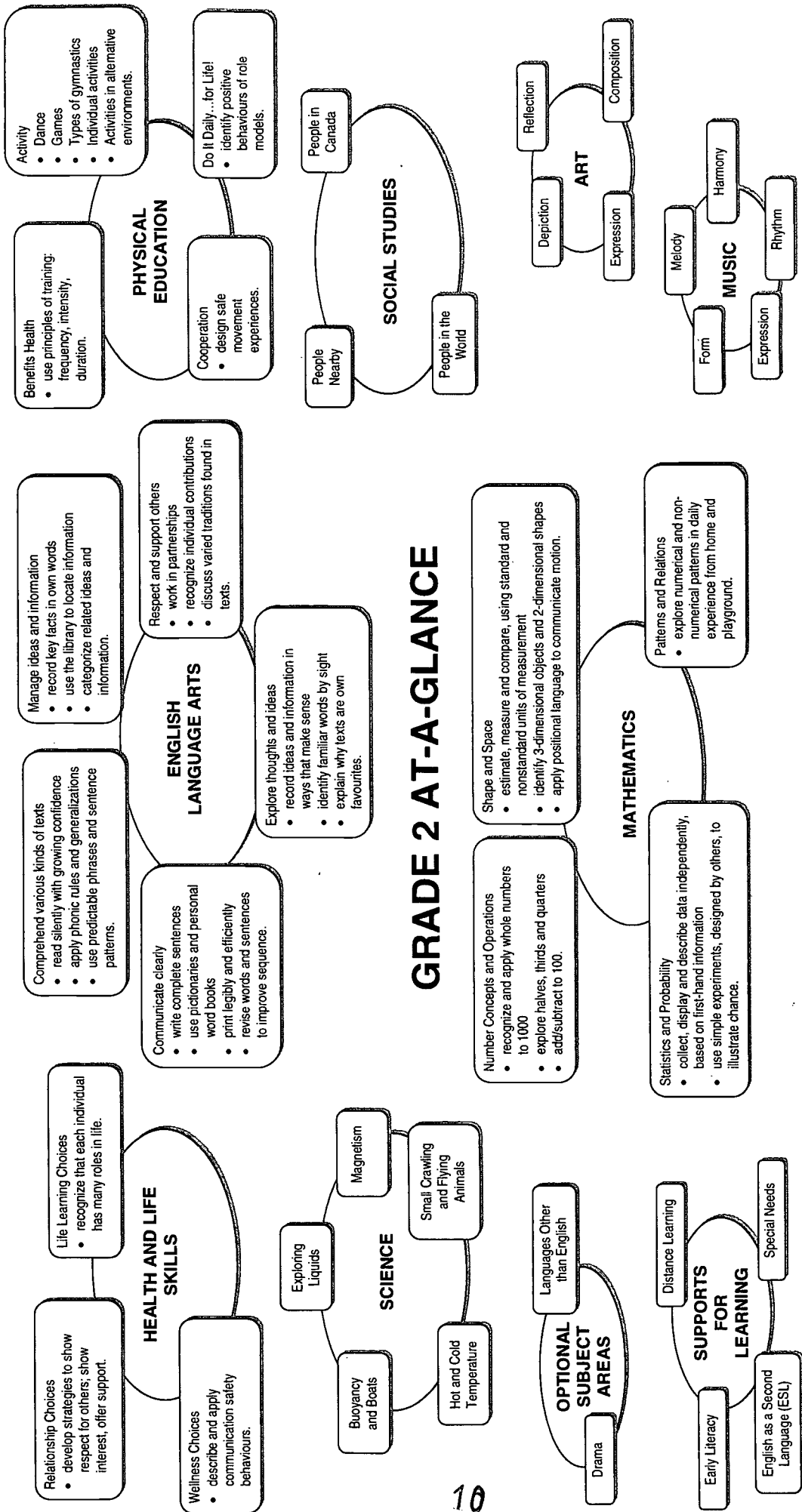
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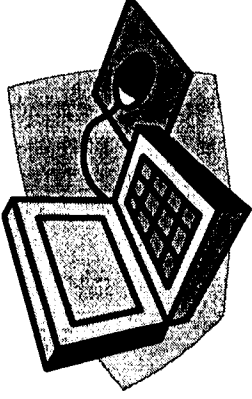
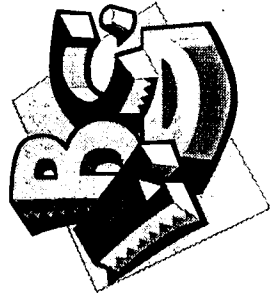
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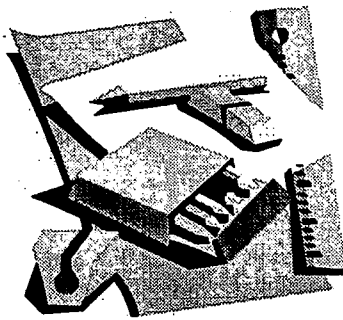
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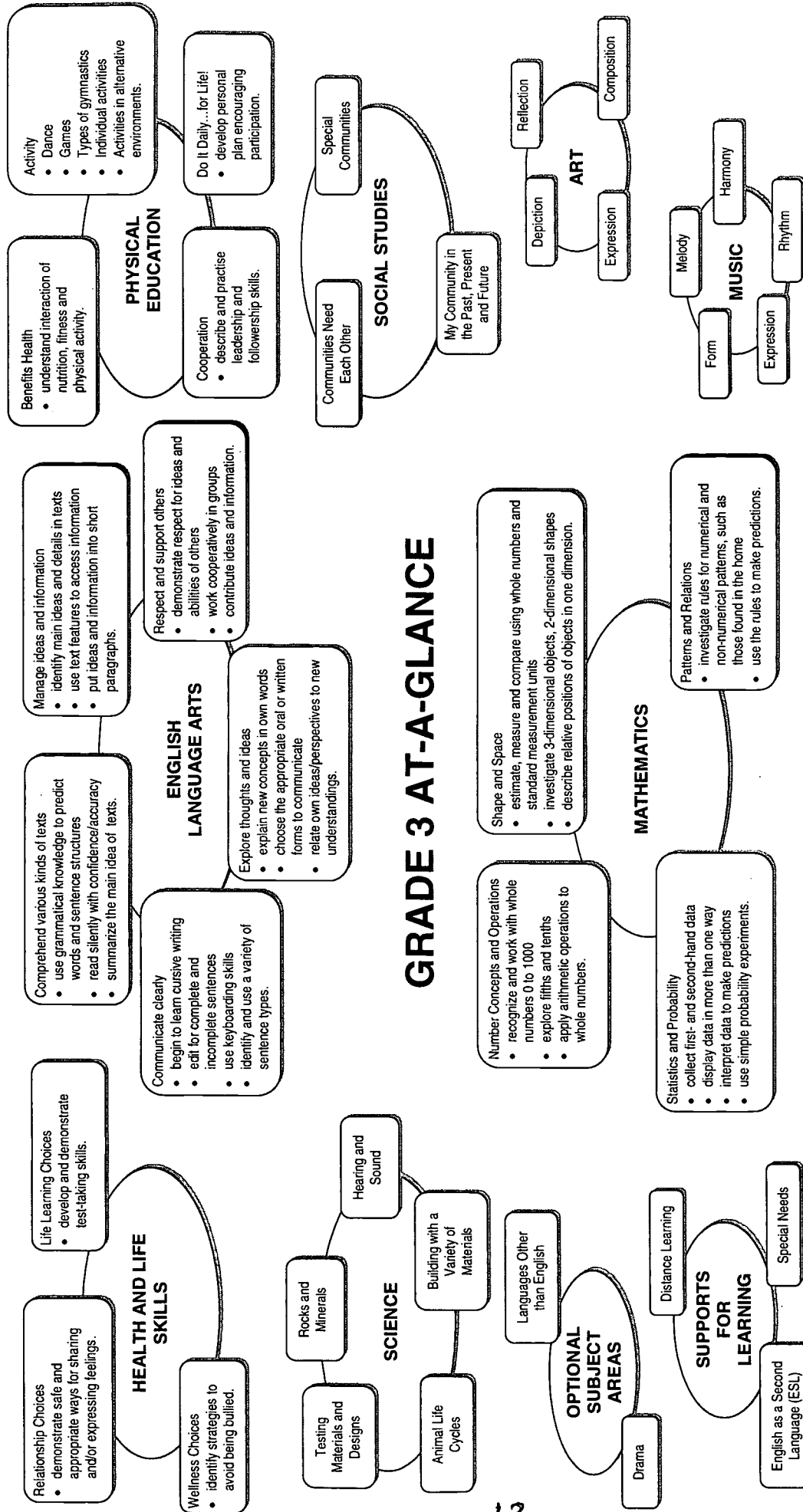


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Provincial Achievement Tests

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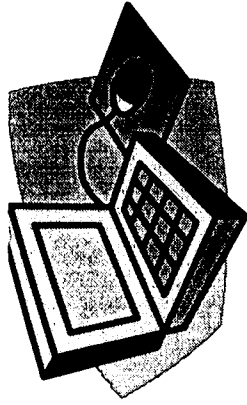
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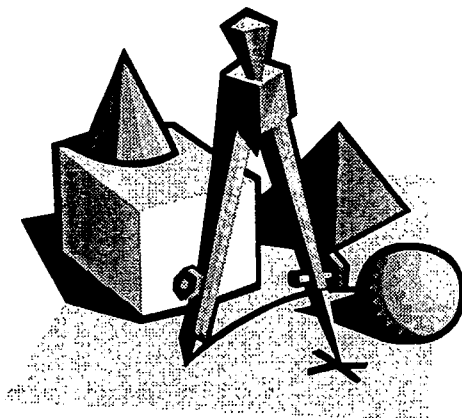
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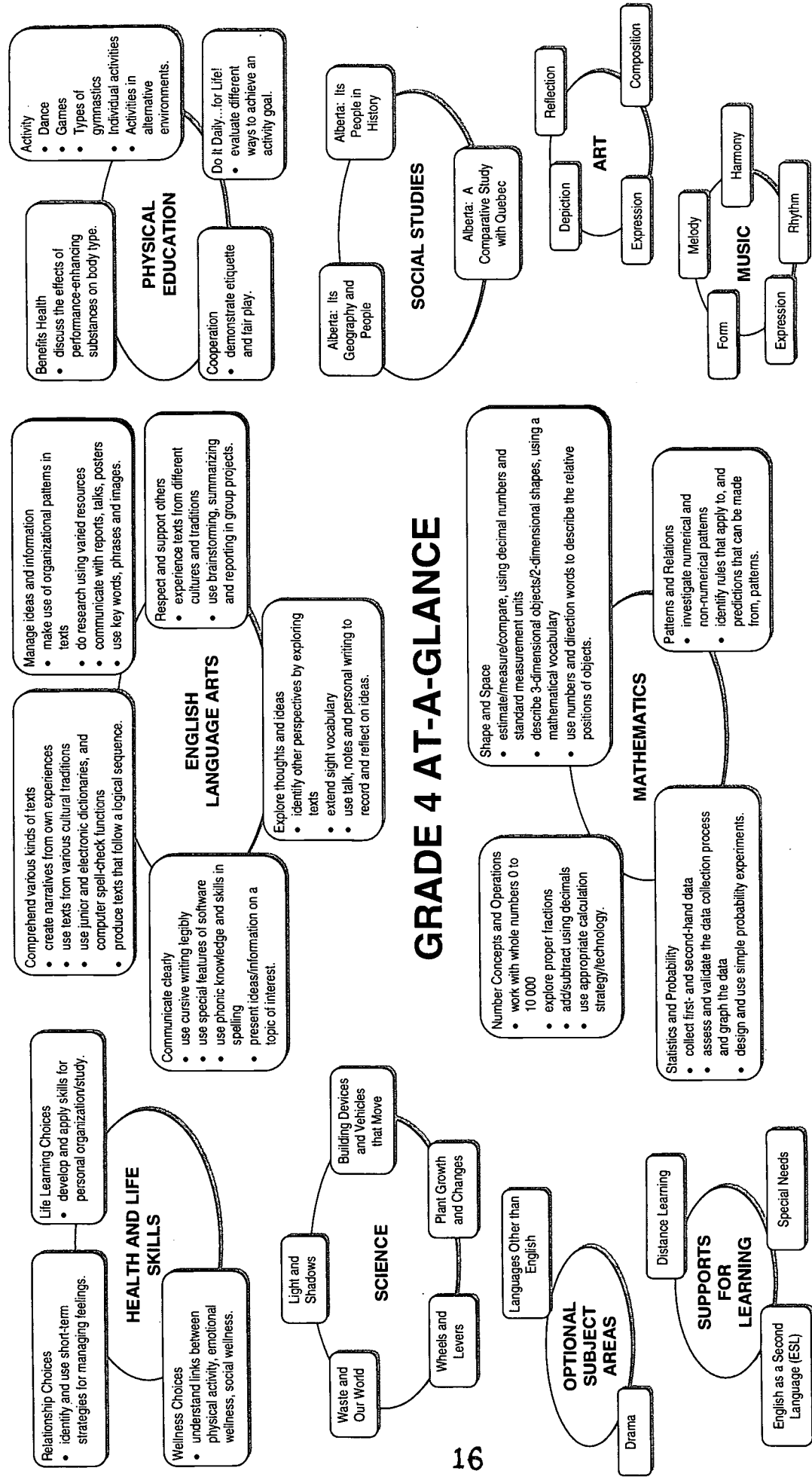
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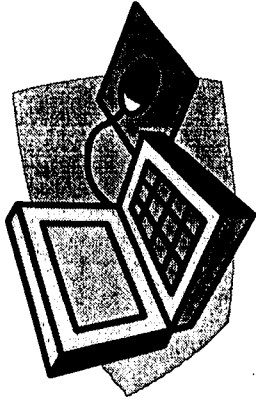
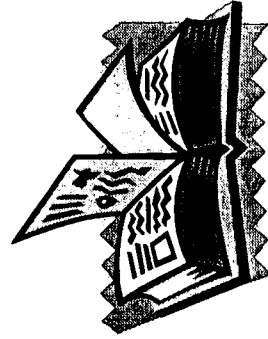
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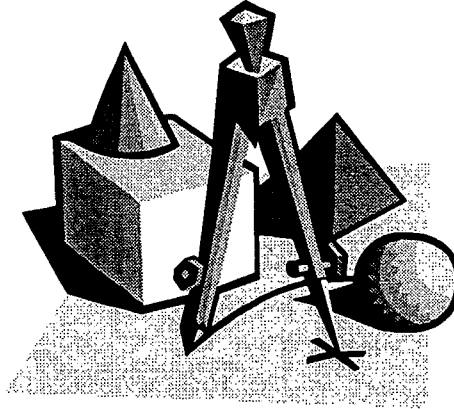
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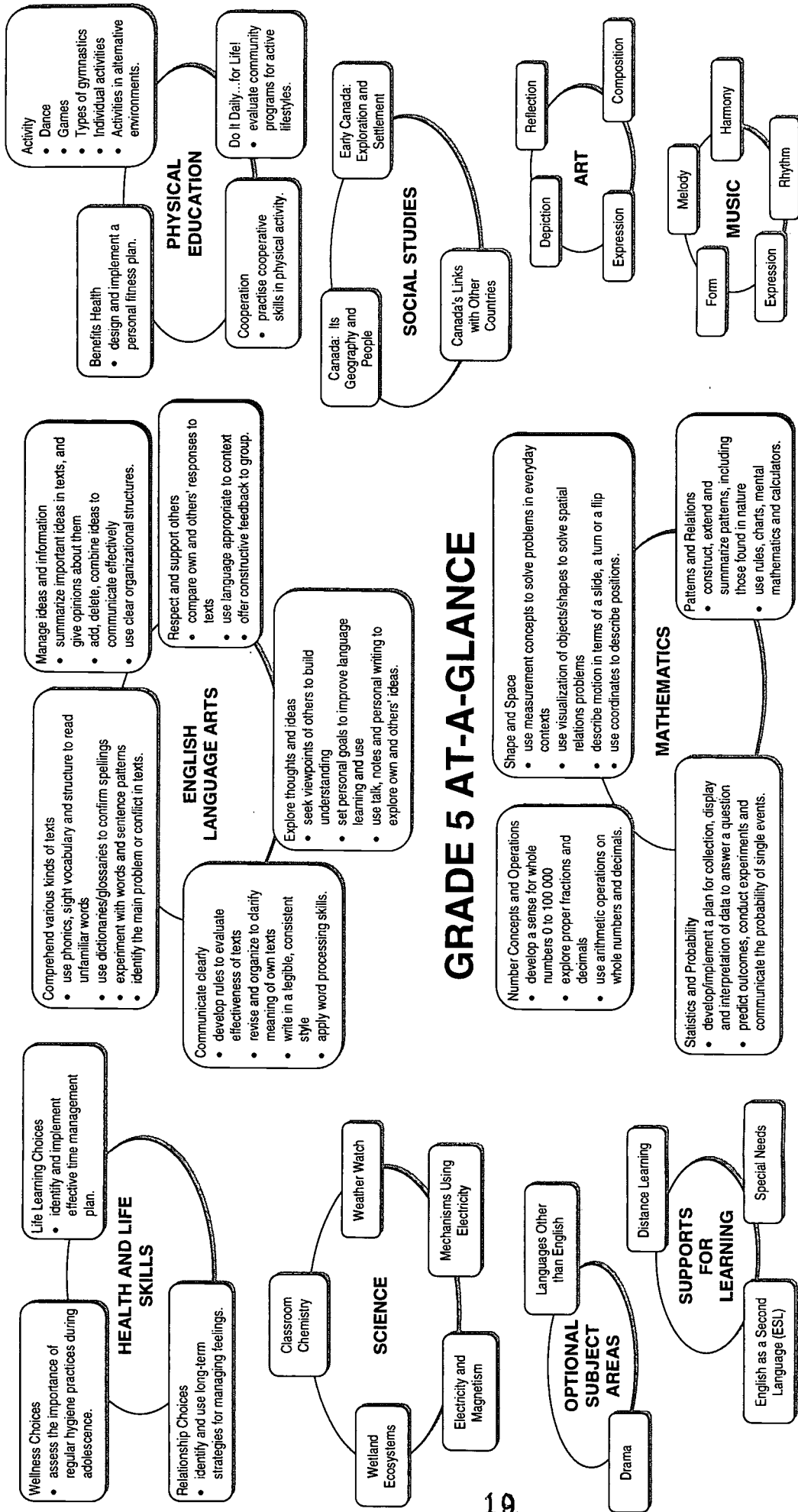
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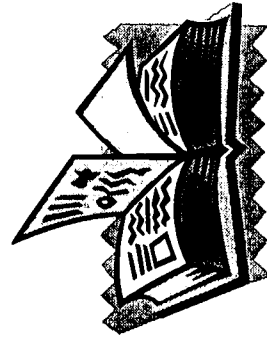
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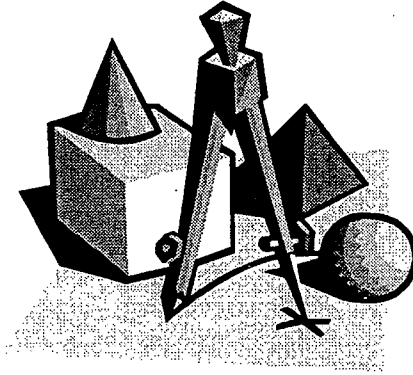
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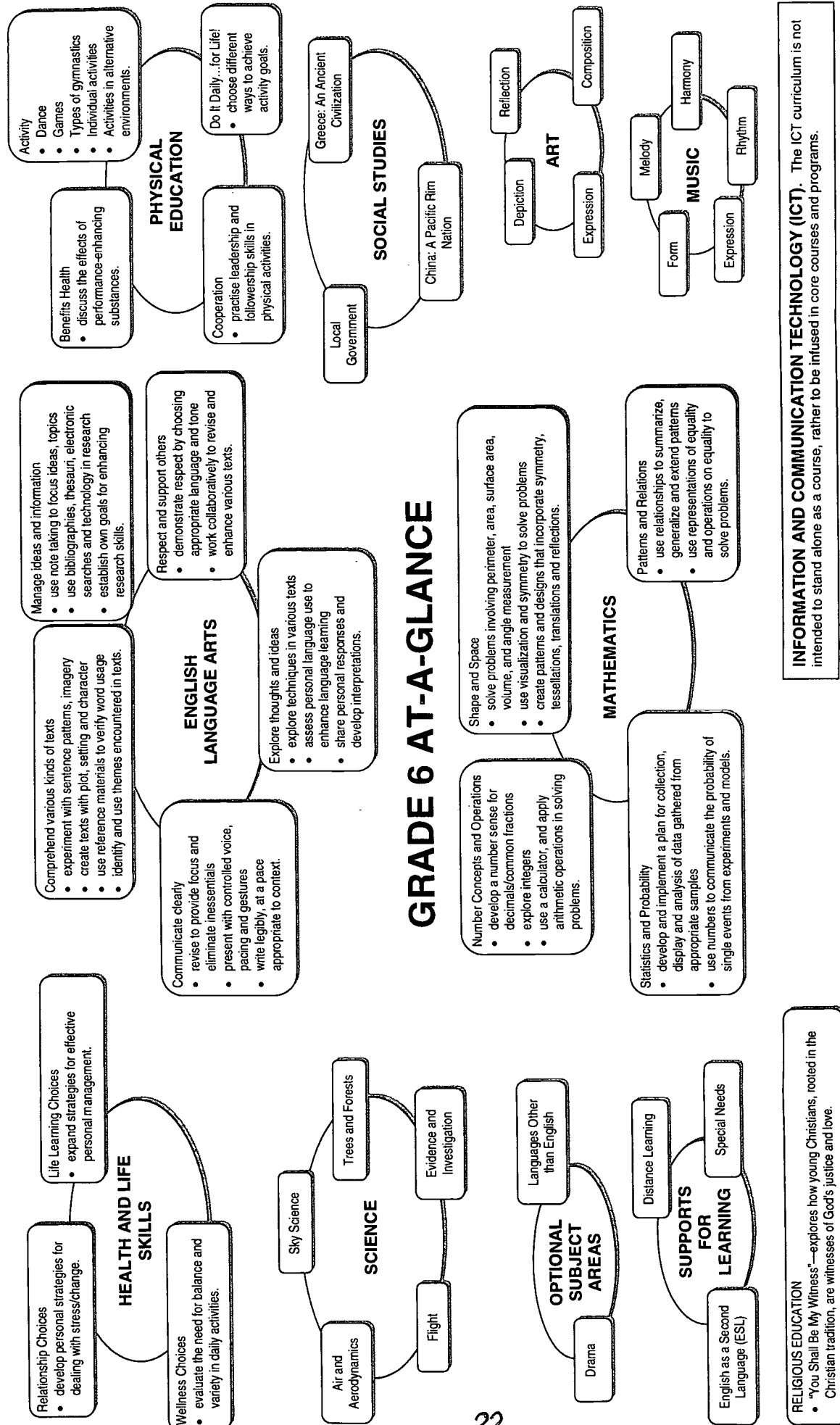
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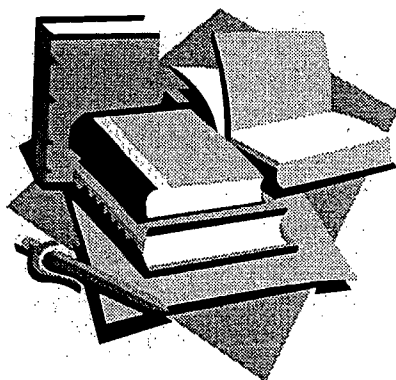
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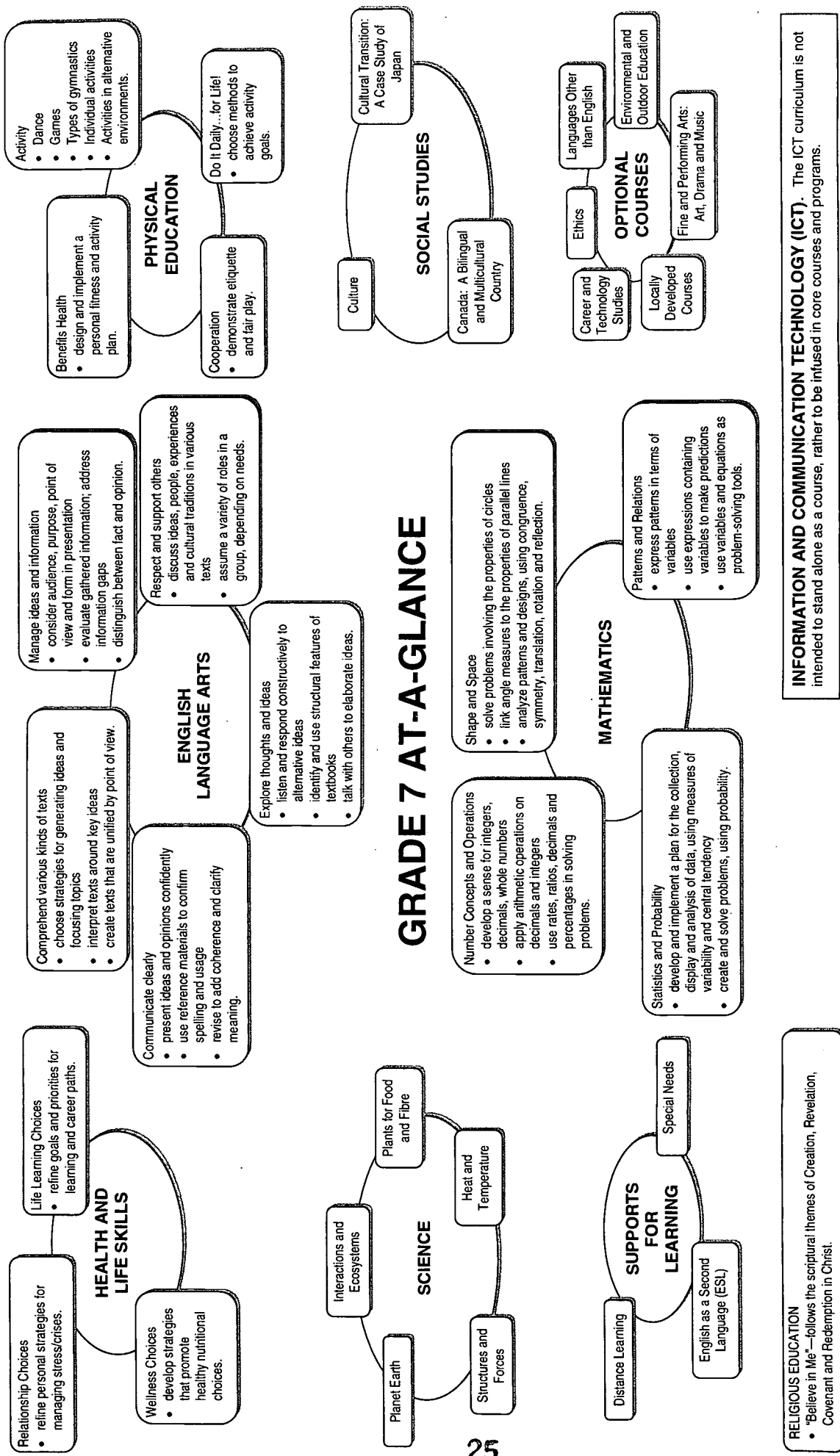


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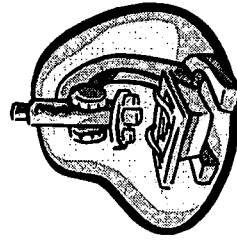
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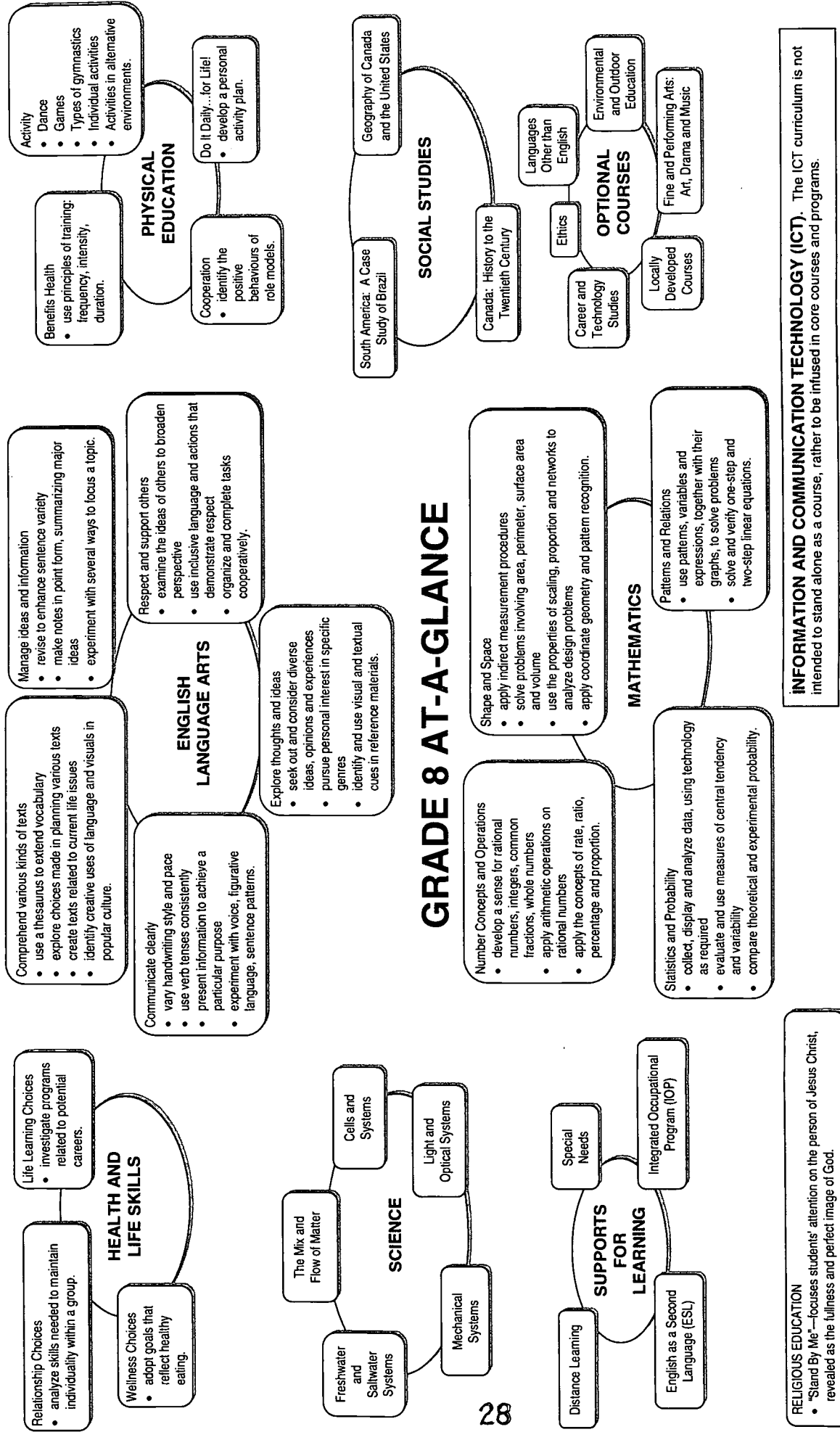
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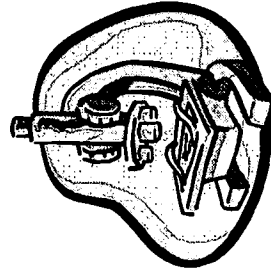
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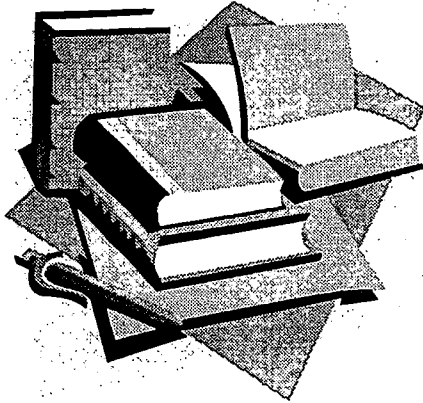
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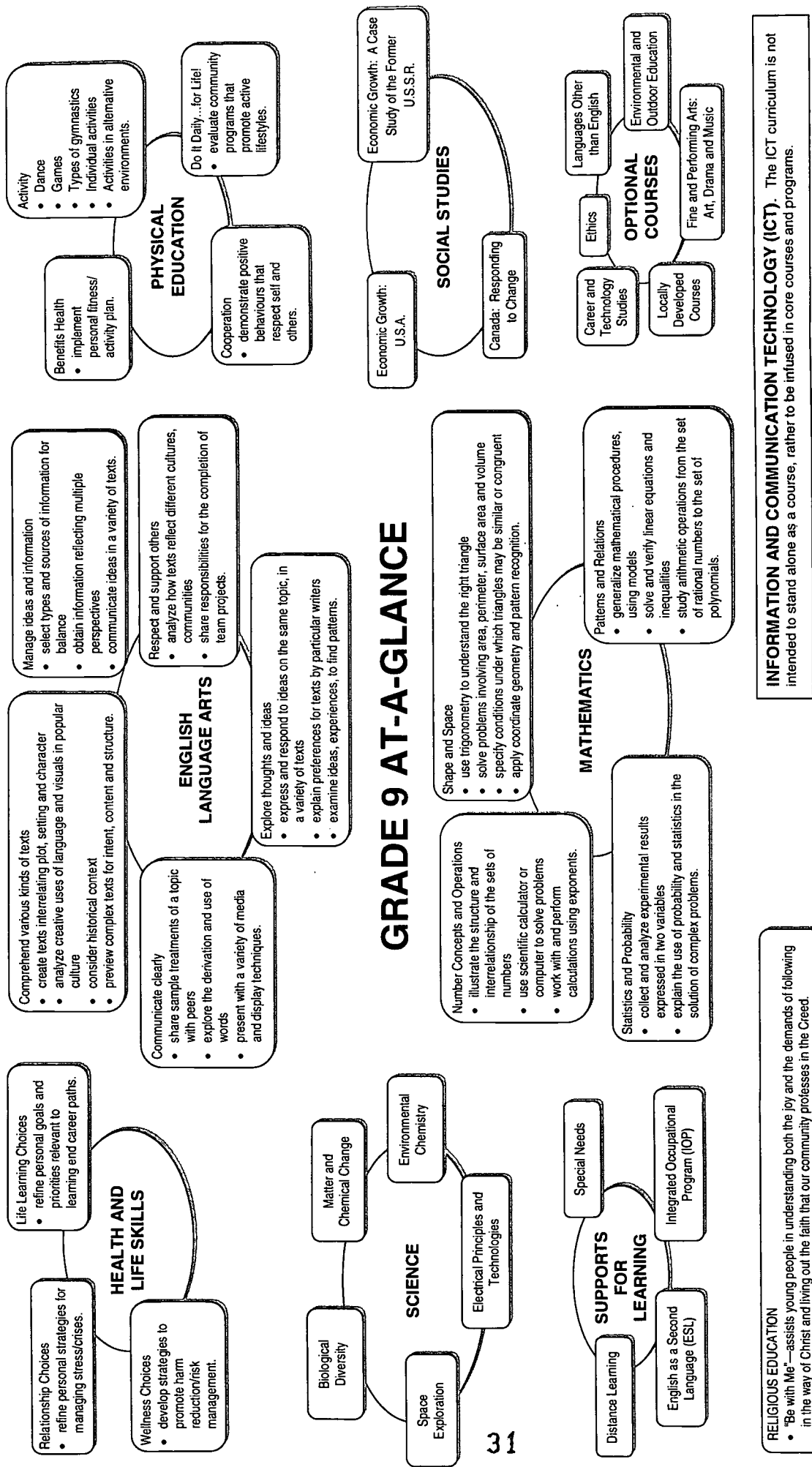
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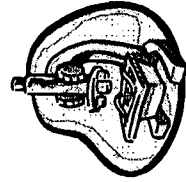
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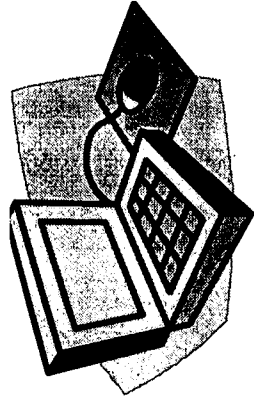
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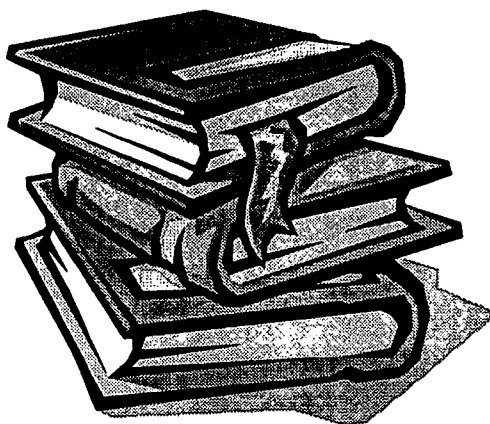


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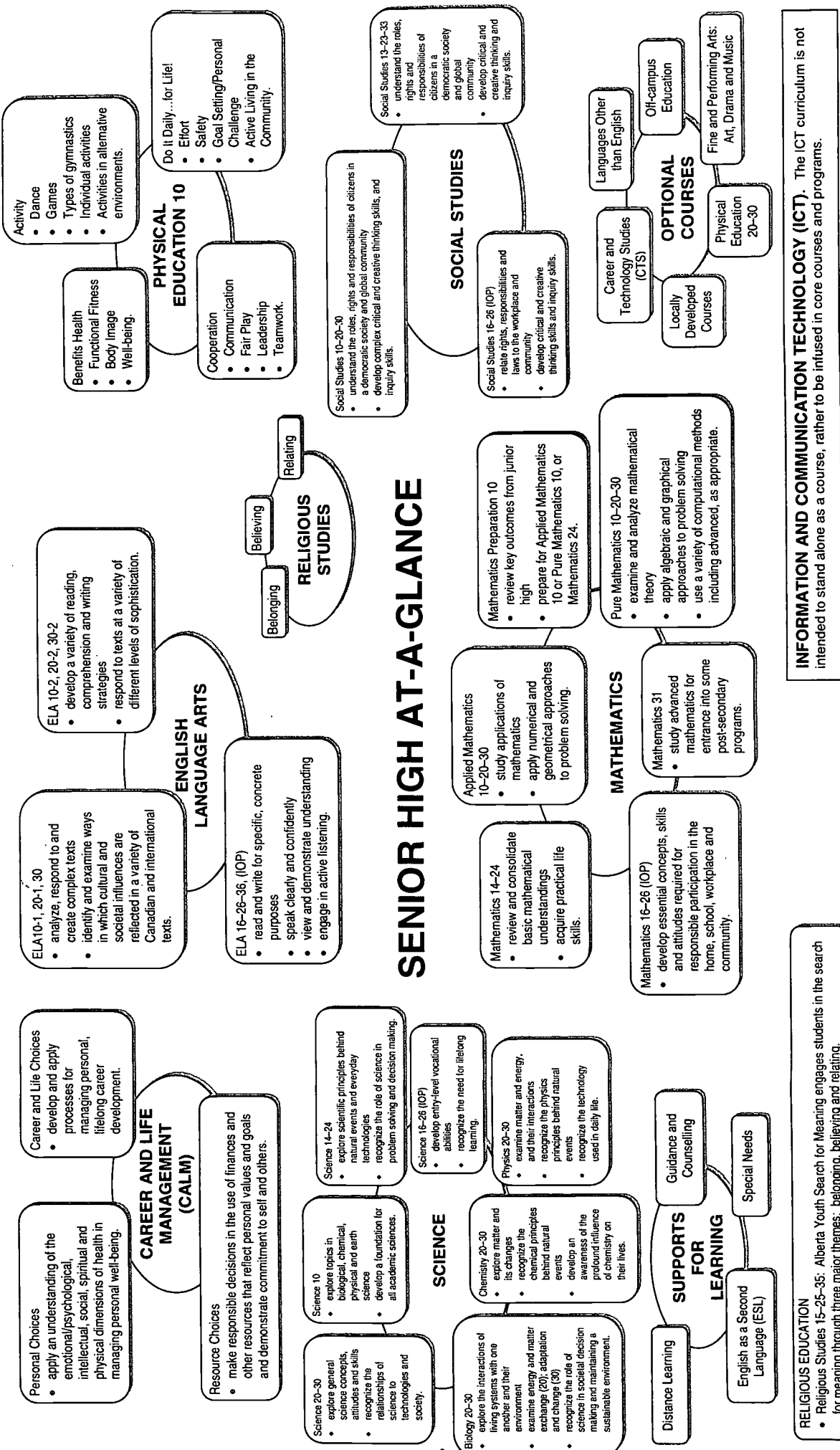
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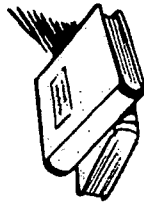
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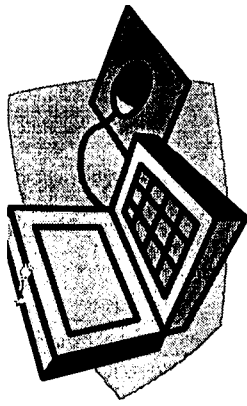
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