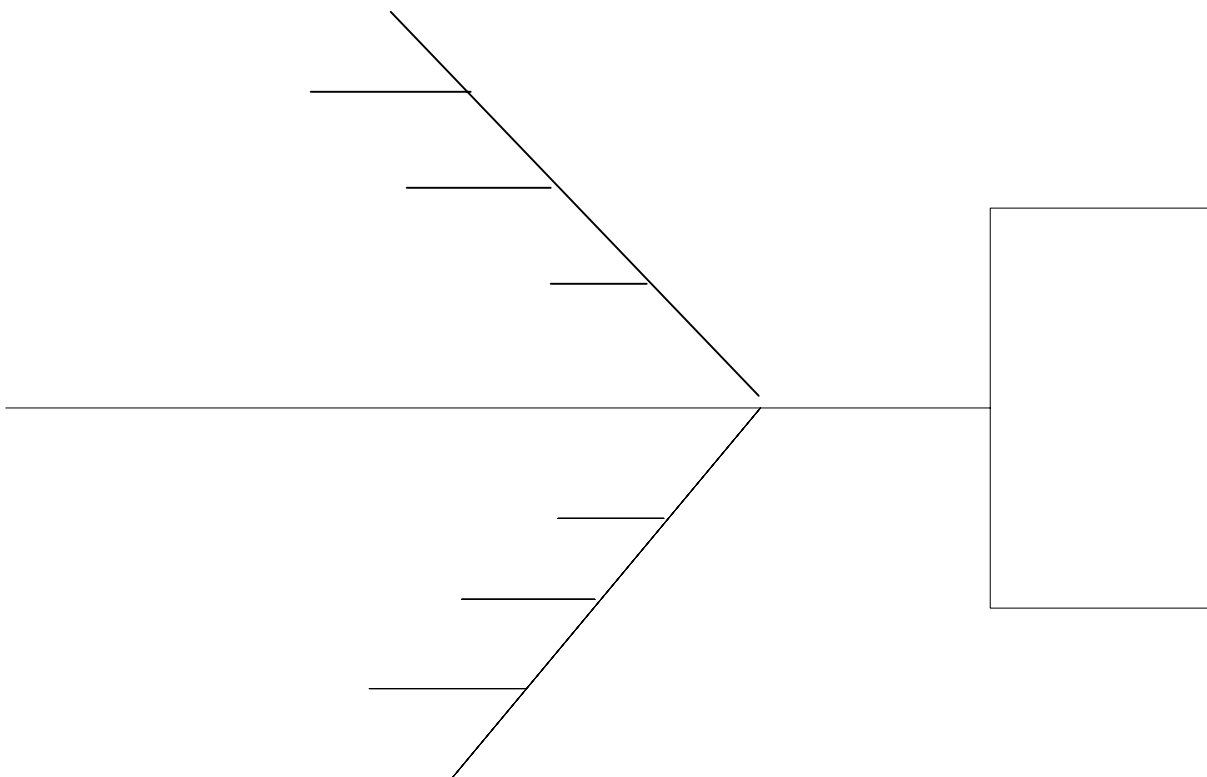


## 4. Fishbone



The **Fishbone** is basically a cause and effect organizer. It is useful for problem solving and areas where critical thinking is needed. The predominate questions are “Why might?” or “How might?” or “What might?”

The Fishbone is constructed using a box for the head where the problem or item to be considered is placed. A straight horizontal line for the body extends from the head across the page. Angled lines or the “bones” for major categories of causes or effects are placed on the body. Each major bone has smaller bones to accommodate sub-categories. The fishbone may be used to problem solve personal issues, but is useful in every subject area.