

REVISION TECHNIQUES



Summary Posters

Use key words, pictures and definitions to design a poster on a topic or whole subject. Put the summary poster up in your room and spend regular time looking at it.

Tip: Watch a Pod and whilst you can remember, draw a summary poster with all you've learnt. Once you've finished your poster, re-watch the Pod and see how much you remembered.



Idea Mapping

Summarise what you've learnt by creating an idea-map. Start by putting the name of the topic in the centre of a piece of paper. Add branches (like a tree) and add additional key words to each branch which are associated with the main topic. Keep adding more detail as the branches become smaller and use images and colours as well as words to help the information stand out.

Tip: Draw an idea-map with all the key words and images that you see and hear in a Pod. Try matching the colours you use on your idea-map to the colours shown within the Pod. Don't be afraid to be creative, it'll help you remember more.



Practice Exam Questions & Past Papers

Practising exam questions and past papers helps to perfect your exam techniques whilst checking your knowledge and highlighting any gaps you may have.

Tip: Watch Pods and then answer practice exam questions and past papers. Highlight questions you struggled with and watch the Pods.



Mnemonics

A mnemonic is a code that you create using acronyms, phrases or rhymes and it's designed to help you recall knowledge easily. For example, if you have to remember the order of the colours in the visible spectrum (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet) you could use this mnemonic to help you remember: "Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain". The first letter of each word in the sentence refers to the first letter of the colour.

Tip: Pick out key words from a Pod and create mnemonics to help you remember them.



Flash cards

Summarise the topic on a flash card or post it, use only the key words, symbols, dates, quotes and places. On the flipped side of the card, write the topic's name. This will help you when you come to test your knowledge. For example, 'what were the causes of World War I' and on the reverse, put the key points. When you test yourself, simply look at the topic's name and see if you can remember everything on the other side of the card without looking.

Tip: Create a flash card for each Pod you watch. Write the name of the Pod on one side, and on the other, write all the key information you've learnt. Search YouTube for a video on the "Leitner System" to find out more about creating effective flash cards.



Question Yourself

Try to improve your knowledge by asking yourself questions such as:

- Who?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?
- What?
- How?



Note-Taking

Notes help to improve your understanding of a topic in your own words. Keep your notes brief and don't forget to highlight key words, quotes and dates.

Tip: Write short and concise notes whilst playing a Pod..



Timeline

Design a timeline for those subjects where chronology is important, like History and English Literature. They are invaluable for making sense of a series of events or plot.

Tip: Use key dates within a Pod to create a timeline; it will help you visualise the order of the events.

