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GCSE History

Y11 Study Skills evening



Units in Order of Study	Paper	Worth	Brief	Questions
Thematic Study: Crime & Punishment 1000-present and Whitechapel case study	1 1 Hr 20mins	30%	You look at Crime & Punishment in Britain covering 1000 years of change and continuity. Whitechapel and its problems regarding policing is studied in-depth.	Q1) Describe one feature 2 Marks x2 Q2) Source Usefulness 8 Marks Q3) Further enquiry 4 Marks Q4) Explain 4 Marks Q5) Explain 12 Marks Q6) How far do you agree? 16 Marks
British Depth Study: Early Elizabethan England 1558-88	2 1 Hr 50 Mins	40%	You study Queen Elizabeth I, unpicking the judgement and success that built her reign.	Q1) Describe one feature 2 Marks x2 Q2) Explain 12 Marks Q3) How far do you agree? 16 Marks
Period Study: Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-91			You will study the Cold War from the alliance at the end of WW2 to a world on the brink of nuclear war.	Q1) Explain one consequence 2 marks x2 Q2) Narrative Account 8 Marks Q3) Explain Importance 8 Marks x2
Modern Depth Study: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-39	3 1 Hr 30 Mins	30%	You will study Germany between the wars, the story of how Germany emerged from WW1 as a democracy and how it tumbled into a dangerous dictatorship.	Q1) Inference 4 Marks Q2) Explain 12 Marks Q3) Source Usefulness 8 Marks Q4) Interpretation differences 4 Marks Q5) Why different? 4 Marks Q6) Agree essay 16 Marks



Units completed & remaining

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Thematic Study: Crime & Punishment 1000-present and Whitechapel case study	1 1 Hr 20mins	30%	Begin studying in January and complete by Easter.
British Depth Study: Early Elizabethan England 1558-88	2 1 Hr 50 Mins	40%	Completed
Period Study: Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-91			Completed
Modern Depth Study: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-39	3 1 Hr 30 Mins	30%	Progressing through this unit presently and will be completed by Christmas.



Mock Windows

December 2025

Germany paper 3

March 2026

Crime & Punishment Paper 1

– if content covered

Paper 2 – Elizabeth & The
Cold War

Paper 3 - Germany

**Summer exam season
begins**

THURSDAY 7th May 2026

History **FINAL** exam dates –

- **Paper 1** – Friday 15 May (am)
- **Paper 2** – Thursday 4 June (am)
- **Paper 3** – Tuesday 9 June (pm)



Where to find revision resources

Revision guide
recommendations
to purchase

Teacher
produced
revision packs
and resources

Google
Classroom

Seneca
platform

Google
Drive



Revision guide recommendations – to buy £5.51 each

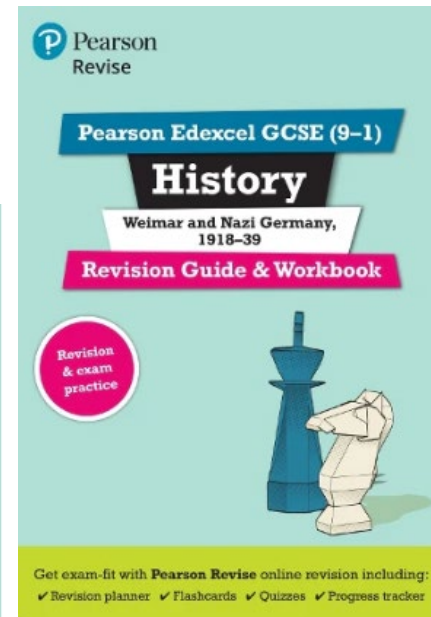
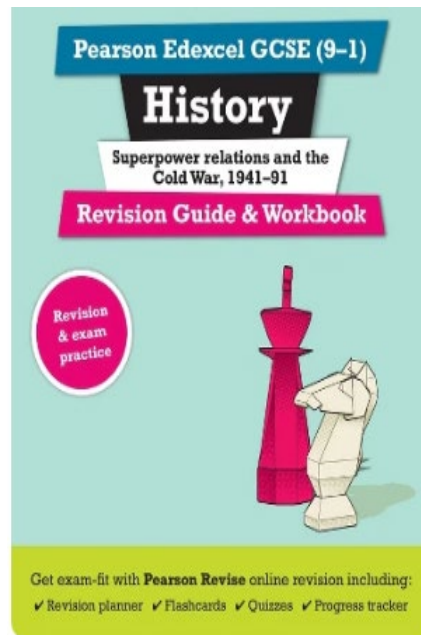
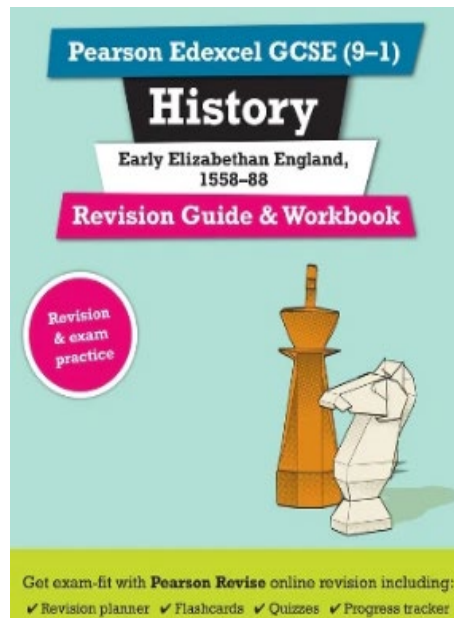
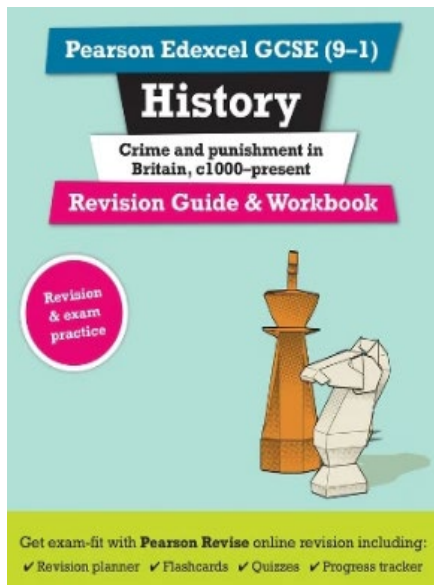
Oxford revise
series –

Crime &
Punishment
ISBN -1382040407

Superpower
relations
ISBN –
1382040431

Elizabethan
England
ISBN –
1382072856

Germany
ISBN -
1382072937



Revision guide recommendations – to buy £5.75 each

Pearson revise
series – ISBN
codes

Crime &
Punishment in
Britain
1292169702

Superpower
relations and Cold
War
1292169753

Early Elizabethan
England
1292169710

Weimar and Nazi
Germany
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In school revision-

In lesson retrieval activities will happen regularly through our Flashback activities. Each school will have a revision programme and your child will be made aware of these. These are made up of before school/ after school and form time sessions.

At home revision-

We recommend that students use the resources which are uploaded to Google Classrooms.

All lessons are uploaded to your child's Google Classroom along with revision materials.

Specific task sheets will be provided to students to revise at home by their class teachers.

Seneca is an online platform where students can practise exam style questions as well as revise content. Teachers will direct students to this platform.



Here at WSSC students will be offered a choice of P0 or P5 sessions:

- Miss Hamilton – P0 Tuesday and Thursday in HU10
- Miss Jacob – P0 Friday in HU6
- Mr Dodson – P0 and P5 on Friday HU11
- Mrs Bullock – P0 Friday HU9
- Mrs Ritchie – P0 Friday HU10

Check with your teacher which session is for your class if your teacher teaches multiple Year 11s!



Top Tips – Revision

- 1. Find the revision technique that works for you.**
- 2. Keep going back to the revision after your breaks**
- 3. Stick to the revision Timetable**
- 4. Don't avoid the bits you are not sure about – keep going back – it will get easier!!!**



The Key to success!

**Short revision sessions 30-40
minutes max.**

**THEN TAKE A BREAK!
BUT ALWAYS RETURN AFTER
YOUR BREAK FOR YOUR NEXT
REVISION SESSION.**

**3 sessions per evening (5-6 at a
weekend. Opposite subjects.).**

“A LITTLE PROGRESS EACH
DAY ADDS UP TO BIG
RESULTS.”

SATYA NANI





Revision strategy examples

◆
DON'T WATCH ◆
THE CLOCK
DO WHAT IT DOES ◆
◆
KEEP GOING ◆
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The following slides demonstrate some strategies for your revision. You can use a mixture of techniques or just one.

Whatever works for you!

Make a revision timetable

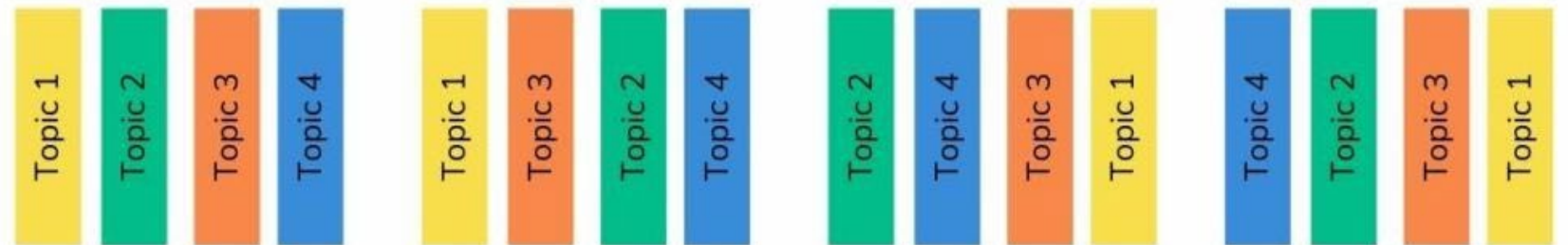
You need to map out the time in weeks between now and the mock exams. (December mock is Germany only so this is doable)

Each week you need to schedule in some time to revise some of each subject.

Space out the topics and plan in breaks!



Space out and interleave topics



You could try colour coding your timetable so the different subjects stand out too!

WEEKLY REVISION PLANNER

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TIME	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:30AM - 4PM	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	9AM - 10AM	BREAKFAST / SHOWER	BREAKFAST / SHOWER
4PM - 5PM	HOMEWORK	TV / GAMING / SOCIAL MEDIA	HOMEWORK	TV / GAMING / SOCIAL MEDIA	HOMEWORK	10AM - 11AM	REVISION - ENGLISH	REVISION - SCIENCE
5PM - 6PM	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	11AM - 1PM	SEEING FRIENDS / LUNCH	SPORT / LUNCH
6PM - 7PM	REVISION - GEOGRAPHY	HOMEWORK	REVISION - HISTORY	REVISION - FRENCH	REVISION - SCIENCE	1PM - 3PM	REVISION - MATHS	REVISION - FLASH CARDS
7PM - 8PM	REVISION - MATHS	REVISION - ENGLISH	FREE TIME	HOMEWORK	FREE TIME	3PM - 5PM	OUT WITH FAMILY	SPORT / TV / GAMING
8PM - 9PM	FREE TIME / SHOWER	FREE TIME / SHOWER	FREE TIME / SHOWER	FREE TIME / SHOWER	FREE TIME / SHOWER	6PM - 8PM	DINNER / FREE TIME	DINNER / FREE TIME

**Pledge-
Bronze Life
skills**

Flashcards/ Revision cards

Use one side only

Title each card

Keep to the MAIN facts- perhaps the ones you keep forgetting!

Use different coloured pens or highlighters.

Elizabethan Age, 1558-1603: The Spanish Armada

Events of the Armada

beginning in July 1588

The Armada sailed in a crescent formation making it difficult to attack.

The Armada was sighted off the coast of Cornwall on 29th July 1588 and warning beacons were lit.

The English could not break up the battle formation before the ships landed in Calais to wait for the Dutch.

Fireships

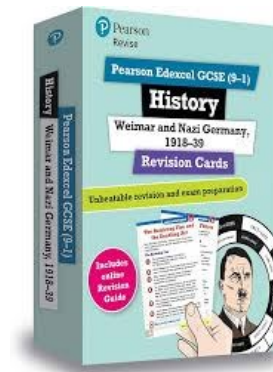

- The troops from the Netherlands to help Spain were held up so England took advantage of the situation.
- On 7th August 1588 seven unmanned fireships were sent out to the Spanish ships.
- They were filled with tar, gunpowder and loaded canons and set alight.
- The Spanish panicked when they saw the ships and scattered breaking up the crescent formation.

the battle of Gravelines—3 August 1588

English ships attacked the Spanish and fought them for eight hours until they had run out of ammunition.

No English ships had been lost and only 50 sailors had been killed. In contrast Spain had lost at least three ships and 1,000 men had been killed and 800 were injured.

Although England had not yet won the Armada the battle was a significant turning point.



You can buy packs of revision cards from Poundland, One Below, Wilkos, Tesco, The Post Office, Morrisons and many more local shops. They are quite cheap and a handy revision tool to keep to hand.

Keep them simple and well presented to be the most effective!

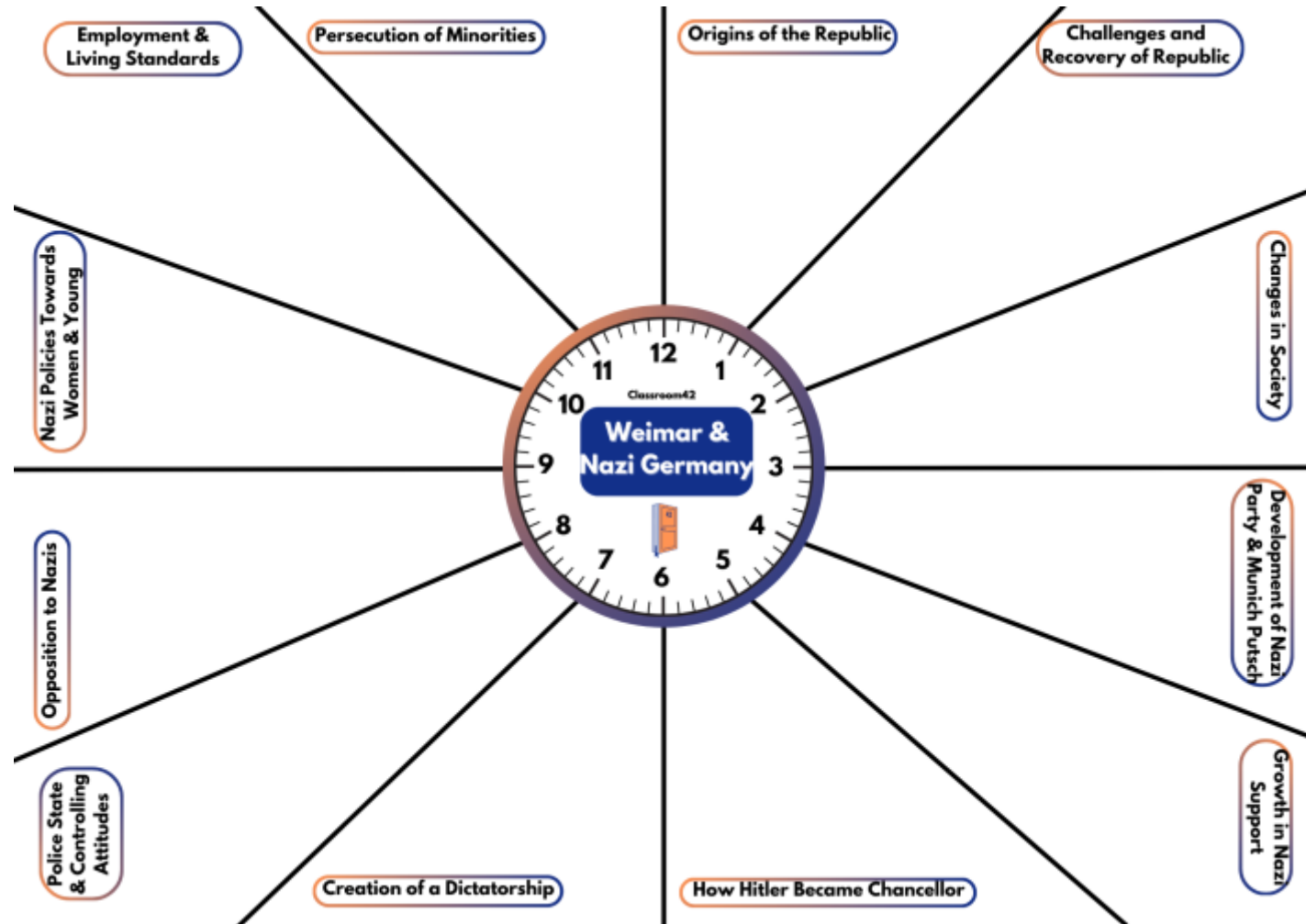
Pearson Revise also sell pre made revision card packs for each units that match the revision books.

Revision Clocks

There are lots of these online pre made,

You can make your own or ask your teacher- we have some of these that we can share on Google Classroom.

Complete each segment with bullet pointed facts.



Look, say, cover, say/ write, check

Students can do this on their own or grab a friend or parent to help.

Spend 5 minutes reading a piece of text- sometimes saying or reading the info out loud can help

Cover it up or hand it to your friend or parent.

Repeat what you can remember either verbally or write it down.

Check how much you remembered successfully.

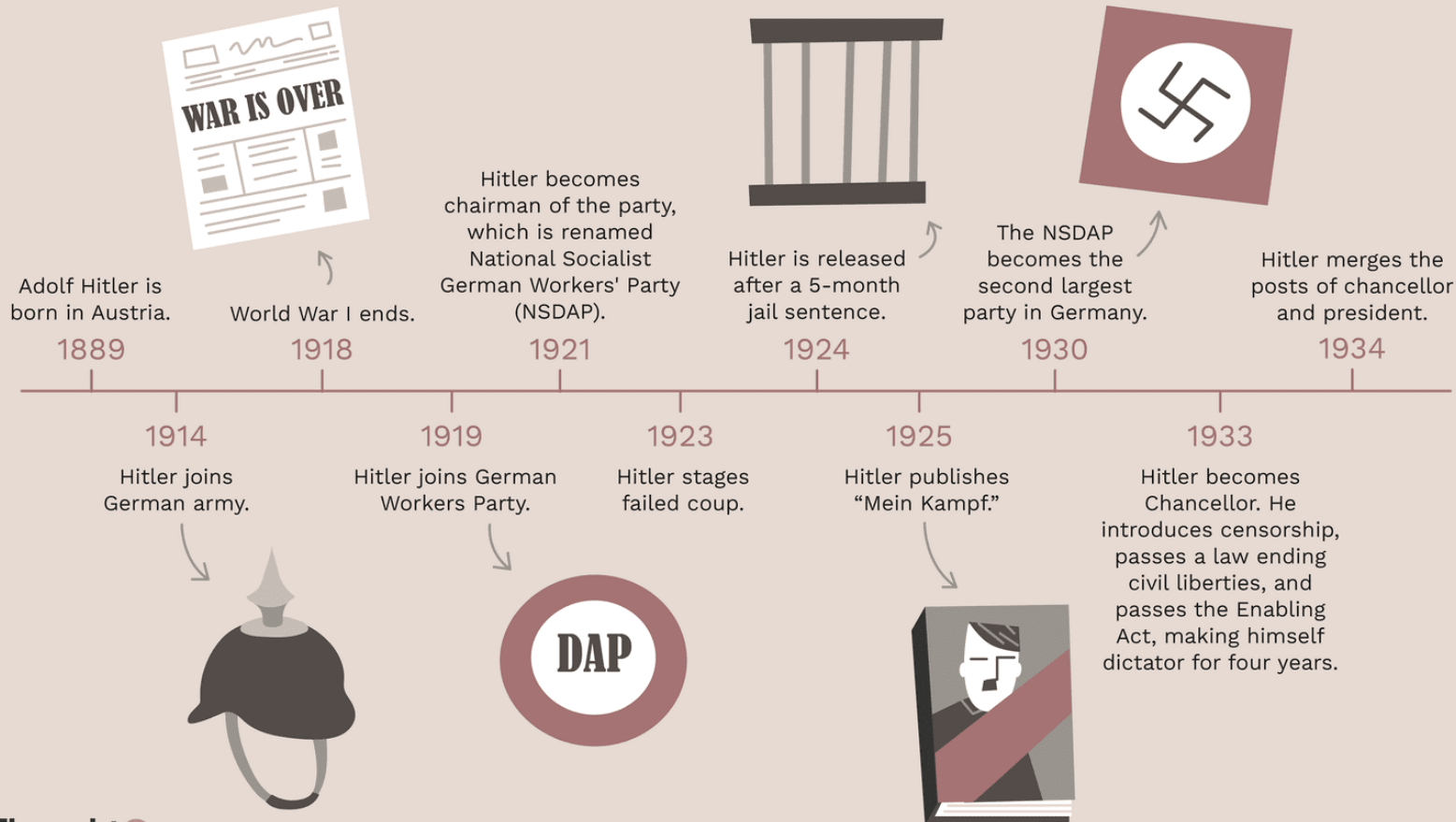


If there is something you keep forgetting- pop it on a flashcard and keep revisiting it!

You can do this repeatedly for the same info to make it stick.

Visual Timeline

Hitler's Rise to Power



These are an excellent revision tool in History.

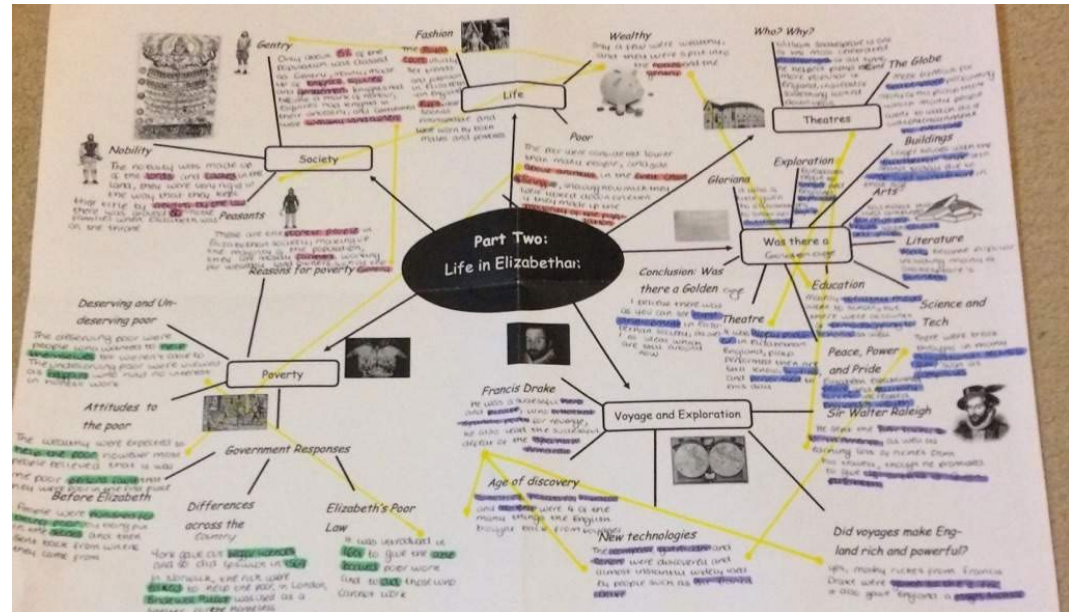
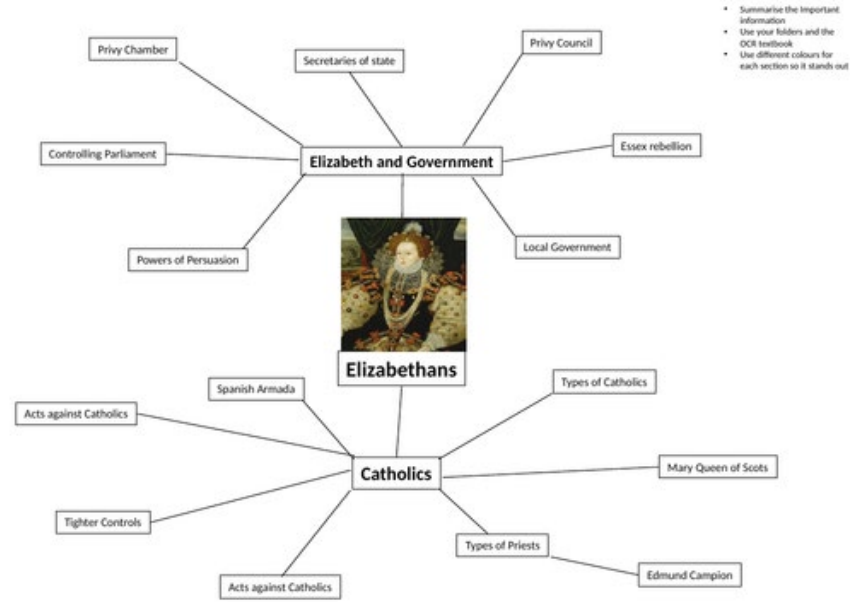
Creating them is revision itself!

Put them up in your bedroom or around the house in places you will see them as a constant reminder.

Add images - these can help you with recall!

Mind Mapping/ Concept Map

Probably one of the most used revision techniques because it can be made to work for anyone. You can make them as visual as you want. Adding clear and concise information or images to summarise a topic makes these a really effective way to revise.





Post it notes!

Very simple.



For those facts you keep forgetting! Especially key people and dates.

Stick them on your bathroom mirror, bedroom walls, fridge! Places you go to frequently so you keep seeing them!



Revision videos

YouTube- **The History teacher** is a great resource. Watching videos can be a very effective way for some students to revise.

This channel is specifically for students who study Edexcel GCSE History and covers the units we study.





Revision videos Useful links

Crime and Punishment Through Time

BBC Teach YouTube playlist <http://bit.ly/StrangeCaseoftheLaw>

BBC Bitesize website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zk6k96f/revision/1>

A Long, Long Time Ago.....playlist <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRf-tkRItLc&list=PLK-VUBYiMe9dQjLrini0BvdhBWSMm5qw>

Mr Cloke History Rapid Revision <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccKRNj23jko>

Superpower Relations and the Cold War

BBC Bitesize website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z3h9mnb/revision/1>

Cold War Oversimplified (two parts) [The Cold War - OverSimplified \(Part 1\)](#)

[The Cold War - OverSimplified \(Part 2\)](#)

A long long time ago....playlist [1941-45: Ideological Differences Between East & West | GCSE History Revision | Cold War](#)

I'm Stuck GCSE Revision The Cold War [The Cold War 1945-1991](#)

Weimar and Nazi Germany

BBC Bitesize website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zt9v7hv/revision/1>

A long long time ago..... playlist [Nov 1918: The Abdication of the Kaiser | GCSE History Revision | Weimar & Nazi Germany](#)

The History Teacher Massive Revision playlist [Abdication and Armistice - Weimar and Nazi Germany GCSE](#)

I'm Stuck The Weimar Republic [The Weimar Republic - Issues of the Weimar Republic - GCSE History](#)

Early Elizabethan England

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z29rbk7>

The History Teacher playlist (several different videos including revision) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QW8KW40zN2k&list=PL0ifbTeFrUEshmfGwLaF_KFqhV_HD5Gve

Mr Cloke History Rapid Revision https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niPNzy6X6os&list=PL9bgSdxfgbwphrGS2Jv2P3_TTZO8C5wv-

The EverLearner Playlist <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccKRNj23jko>

Useful information for parents – at a glance

Subject & Exam board	Papers	Useful link	Guides
GCSE History Pearson Edexcel	3 papers total – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1 Crime & Punishment 80mins• Paper 2 Cold War and Elizabeth I 110mins• Paper 3 Weimar & Nazi Germany 90mins	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html	Pearson Revise - Revision Guide and Workbook available for each topic studied.

Revision sessions are offered after school.
Tuesdays OR Thursdays every other week.
Friday optional session.
Your child will have a revision schedule

Revision guides will be recommended for you to purchase for your child- some are being loaned by school.

Revision quick tips –

- Quiet space
- Prepare everything you need before hand
- Use a revision timetable
- Short sessions 30 mins – have a break – then return to another session.

Google classroom will have extra revision resources and tasks for your child set by their teachers.

Some suggested techniques:
Revision timetable, Revision cards, Mind maps, post it notes, timelines, look cover say/ write check, Practice papers.