

## How can I revise in History?

### **Preparation is key!**

- Firstly, make sure you really focus in lessons. This is the best place to learn. Ask questions if you don't understand or want clarification on anything.
- The second thing you need to do is make a revision timetable – ensure that you have a plan, how much you are going to complete and when you will do this. Ensure that History is included in your plan!
- Next, find a quiet place to work, away from distractions (including your phone if you don't need it for revision). Make sure you have all the resources you need e.g. flash cards.

### **Top revision tips:**

1. **Brain splurge** (you will need a few different coloured pens for this) – choose a topic to revise and write this topic title down e.g. Whitechapel – the Metropolitan Police. Write down everything you can remember about this topic in one colour. When you can't remember anything else, pick up a different colour then use a revision tool e.g. GCSE Pod / your book / BBC Bitesize to add any additional information you forgot. This will now highlight the parts you struggled to remember so that you can focus on these
2. **Timelines** – make and find timelines. Write down the date, the event and then a short description of what happened. Stick these on your wall so you can quickly read them while you are getting ready.
3. **Exam questions** – find and complete as many answers and plans as you can. Your teacher will be happy to mark your work and give you feedback. Try these again to improve by one mark each time. The more you plan and write, the more prepared you are for the exam!
4. **Quizzes** – these are a great way to revise, and you have learnt how to do so at school. Choose a topic then create a short quiz with answers. You can then use this time and time again to quiz yourself, get others to quiz you or test your friends.
5. **Flash cards** – similar to quizzes, but they have a few extra details. Write a question on the back then a few bullet points to answer on the other side. Quiz yourself or get others to help you.
6. **Look, Cover, Write, Check** – use this technique for key words and short descriptions.
7. **Teach someone else** – choose a topic then teach a friend or someone at home. If they understand, you have explained it well and therefore understand too.
8. **Make jingles** – you will know the words to hundreds of songs. Well, let this help you revise History. Use a song you know and write your own words to help you remember those tricky parts.
9. **Find some video clips to watch.** Alternatively, **record yourself** explaining a topic so you can replay it again and again!
10. Don't revise what you already feel confident about – aim for the parts you find hard!

### **Helpful links:**

- Your history book!
- Revision guides – ask your teachers if you would like a space to use these afterschool (Miss Lenton is available in B3a on Wednesday afterschool, or students can attend Homework club)
- BBC Bitesize – ensure you select the correct topics
- Youtube



### **Our topics:**

Paper 1: Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present and Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city  
Paper 2: Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88  
Paper 2: The American West, c1835–c1895  
Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39