

5 Minute Frenzy

In the middle of a blank sheet of paper, write a topic or theme e.g. Conflict & Tension in the 1940s or Surgery in the Medieval period.

Put on a 5-minute timer and write down everything you can remember about the topic.

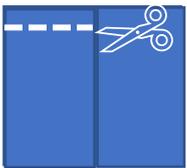
Open your notes and write down everything you missed in a different colour.

Only revise the second colour.

Do the same one week later to check your progress

Foldables

Take an A4 / A3 sheet of paper and bring the left and right-hand sides together the meet in the middle. Next



cut from the centre edge to the fold on each side this creates multiple flaps which you can write the question or date and you can write the answer on the inside.

Keep the flaps open for the ones you got right and only keep revising the questions you can still see.

This is good for key words or events.

The video below is for a 4 door foldable, but you can create as many doors or flaps as you wish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqR6l-A2quA>

Planning Answers to Exam Questions

Becoming comfortable with answering the types of questions you will get in the exam is **crucial**. This doesn't mean writing out an exam question every time.

1. For a longer essay answer - jot down the 4/5 key factors or paragraph focuses and bullet point / mind map 2 key pieces of detail for each. Then number them in order of significance, finally, write out a conclusion
2. For shorter answers – identify the paragraph focus and 2 examples. If appropriate make explained links between them.

Leitner Method

Love flashcards? Then use the Leitner method to revise more efficiently.

You will need some flash cards and 4 envelopes
Mark the envelopes: Everyday, Twice a week, Once a week & Archived

Create flash cards with questions or topic headings on one side and answers or topic descriptions on the back

1. Day 1: Test yourself using the cards
2. Put all the questions you got right in the twice a week envelope the incorrect answers go into the everyday envelope
3. Day 2: Test yourself again. Any you got right go into the once a week envelope, any you got wrong go back into every day.
4. Each day any cards you get correct move into the next envelope along, any you got wrong go back into the everyday envelope to be tested everyday. This targets your weak spots and saves time. For more detailed instructions watch the video below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S2LJIAydyg>

Dual Coding

Dual Coding helps to fix information in your mind more effectively and can help you to retrieve it more easily later on.

Choose an event, think about causes, key features and consequences and assign each a heading and a symbol. It can be useful where you need to get something fixed in your head e.g. causes of an event or a sequence of events

Cover the description and see if you can explain each event just using the images.

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PiXL resources

There are a wide range of ready-to-go PiXL resources, such as: Revisit, Therapies & Testing, Grasp it Know it Think it, Revisit, Independence, Feed Forward. All in the History section of the PiXL site:

<https://auth.pixl.org.uk/members/1#!/subjects/History>



Variety is the key to effective revision – so what else can you use?

Podcasts:

1. **GCSE History Revision Podcast:** <https://revisionisthistory.podbean.com/>
2. **History Extra:** <https://www.historyextra.com/period/norman/> you can search by period for subject specific information which helps you 'read' around the topic
3. **In Our Time** on Radio 4: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01dh5yg> this is definitely closer to A Level but is great for students aiming high
4. **Seneca Learning:** <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/history-gcse-podcasts-by-seneca/>
5. **The History of Modern Medicine:**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00k9b7r/episodes/player?page=3> This is an excellent resource for anyone revising Health & the Nation
6. **Mr W's GCSE History Revision 1066-2000** – this has a particularly useful podcast on the Norman's AQA historical environment as well as a broad range of revision topics
<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/the-gcse-history-revision-podcast-mr-w-wG6r10apFlu/>
7. **Audiopi:** <https://www.audiopi.co.uk/> paid for subscription, but has a range of good audio lectures on both GCSE and A Level

Websites:

1. **PIXL History Resources:** <https://auth.pixl.org.uk/members/1#!/subjects/History> Brilliant ready to use pro formas, testing and exam practice to challenge students to transform their knowledge, distil it and test it.
2. **PIXL Knowledge** - these are questions on GCSE topics and **PIXL Independence resources** - these include a variety of topics and activities. Your teachers can give you these. They can be found on the pixl website
3. **QUIZLET:** <https://quizlet.com/latest> You can add images and diagrams to quizlet now and choose how you want to learn and be tested on the content. Your revision is only as good as the content you are learning so it is a good idea to make your own revision quizlets or see which ones are most popular. Search by Unit title and exam board
4. **SENECA LEARNING:** <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/> This is an excellent resource and is free – you can focus on learning content, which has handy quizzes to ensure you can't move on until your knowledge is secure, or complete practise questions. Select your exam board and courses
5. **BBC BITESIZE.** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zj26n39> A good basic resource.
6. **GET REVISING:** <https://getrevising.co.uk/> Mindmaps, flashcards, revision notes, crosswords, quiz searches and organising thinking resources. This resource also has a create your own study planner and resources made by other users.
7. **STUDYWISE:** <https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/> A variety of forums downloadable revision notes, a collation of different internet resources

Apps:

1. **PIXL History App** - <https://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/> great for on-the-go revision
2. **Gojimo** - [Free GCSE History Revision App | Exam Preparation | Gojimo](#)
3. **Revision Buddy** – paid for app - [History GCSE Revision - AQA, Edexcel, OCR - Revision Buddies](#)
4. **Pomodoro** – increases focus on the study session, use this app to increase productivity
<https://zapier.com/blog/best-pomodoro-apps/>
5. **Padlet** - [Padlet: You are beautiful](#) – not history specific but a great way to curate all revision resources on one page as a one stop shop

