

# How to Revise GCSE History Revision Support Pack

*Year 10 Pre-Exam Preparation*



*“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”*

**Paper One:** Medicine and public health in Britain, 1250 to the present day & The Western Front

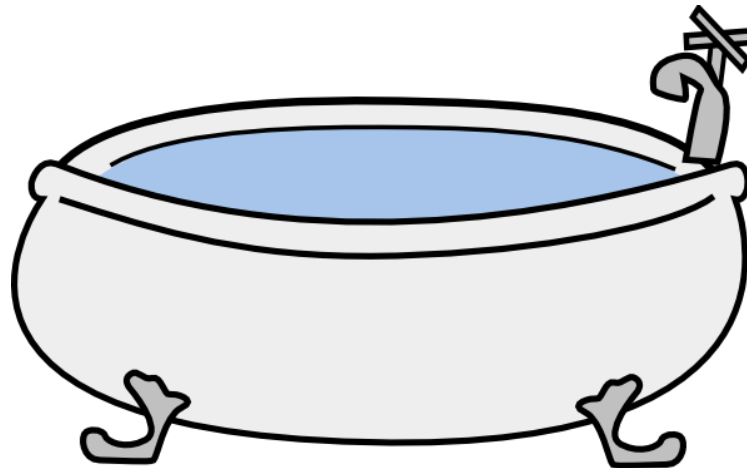
**Paper Two:** Elizabeth

**Paper Three:** Weimar and Nazi Germany

## Revision Rewards: Why Revise?

- **Revision is the way in which we remember everything we done for the last two years!** If we don't revise, then we struggle to remember everything you have learnt.

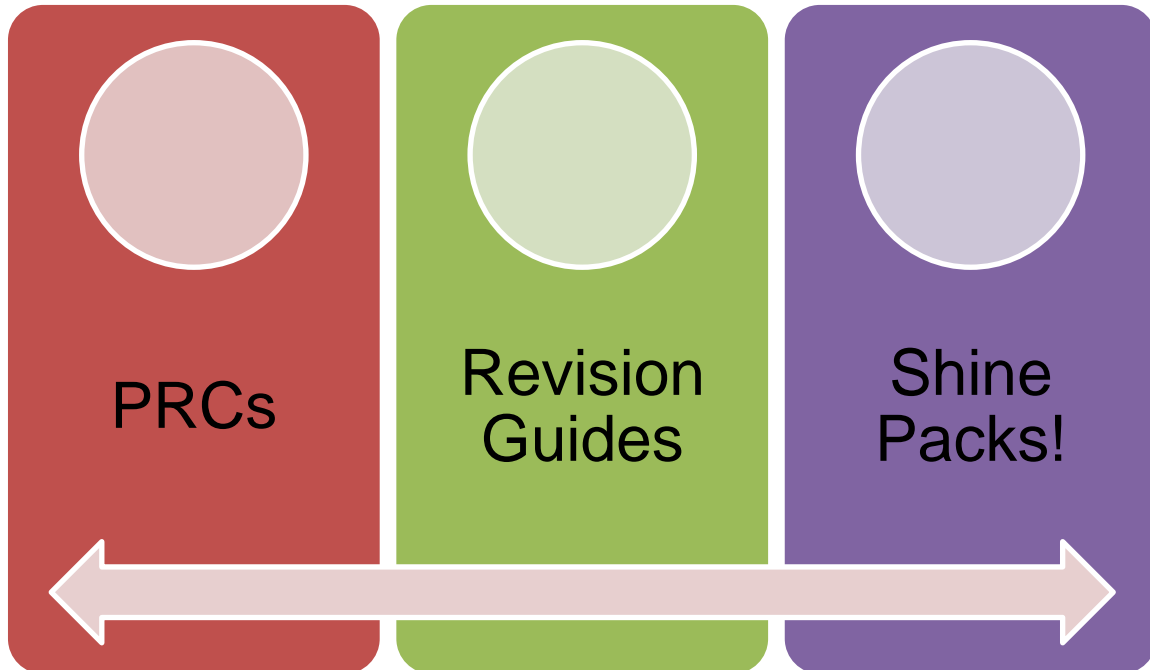
*It is like leaving the plug out of the bath and all the things you think you have remembered/learnt leaking out! In order to do well in the exams, we need to remember key information and put the plug in!*



- **Your factual knowledge is the base to your whole GCSE grade.** Without the knowledge you cannot provide a good answer to any question. A01 marks (factual knowledge) makes up over 50% of your GCSE grade so it's important we get this right.
- **Your GCSE is a gateway to bigger and better future.** Love or loathe History your GCSEs are the gateway to your bigger and better future. If you want to carry on with History at A Level you need to secure your best possible grade and even if you don't, it is a good and valued subject to have a C or above in as it shows important skills such as critical analysis.
- **Rewards are on offer!** You earn points every week and compete against other tables in your class to win prizes!

## Revision Resources: The What!

There are three main booklets which are vital to your GCSE success excluding this one! They form the actual content of the course and the activities which you will do in order to succeed in GCSE History!



- All of these should be kept in a revision book. If you need a spare book speak to us!
- Remember copying it out is completely useless!! It is the process of reading, covering and then copy from memory which will allow you to store the detail over time. Also, because you are quizzed on the knowledge if you don't use the ready, cover and copy procedure you won't get the 70% needed to pass the quiz.
- If you are unsure on any of the words or definitions, use your revision guides to help you explore that concept or word.
- This booklet also sets a question per week based on a topic you must complete. Sometimes it won't be the same as your revision that week so use your revision guides or your other organisers to help you revise the content. These questions will be marked by your teacher or yourself/peers.

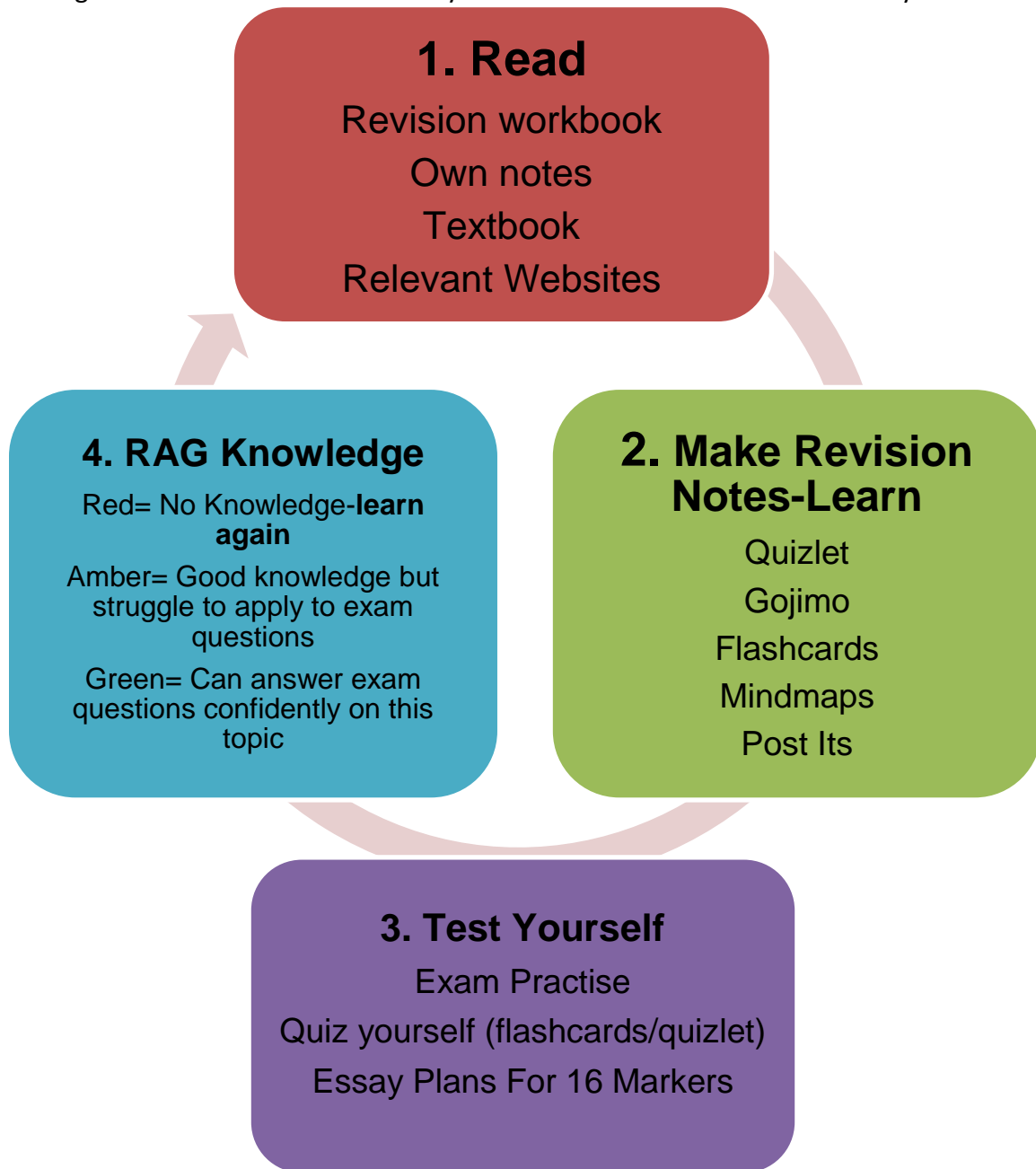
**REMEMBER ALL THE REVISION RESOURCES CAN BE ACCESSED VIA THE BELOW LINK FROM YOUR REALSMART SCHOOL ACCOUNT;**

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HVKyxEDwBWxC\\_SxHM\\_sZsDhgvk-R4BYv](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HVKyxEDwBWxC_SxHM_sZsDhgvk-R4BYv)

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## Using the Revision Resources: The How!

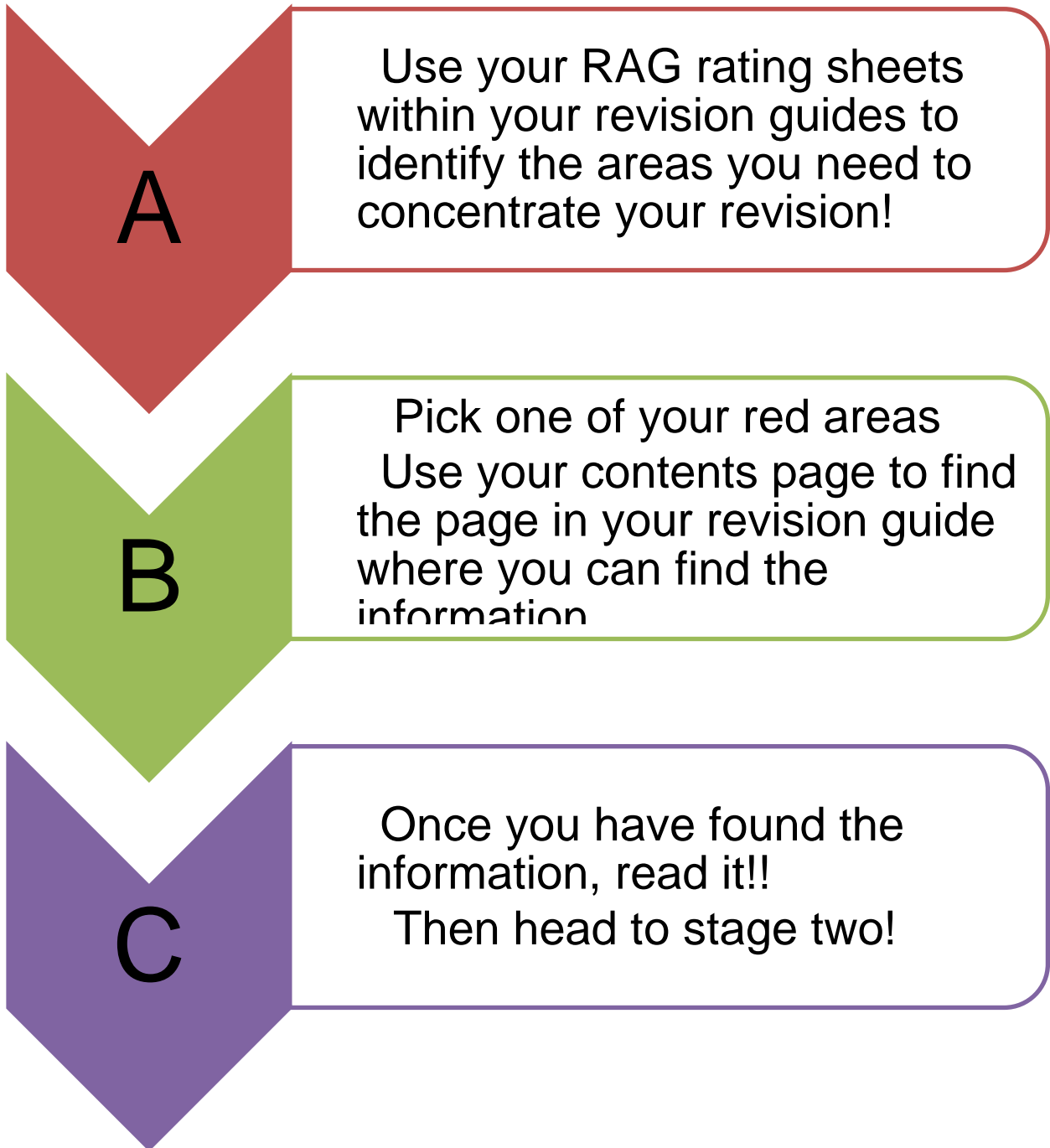
We've got the resources....but how do you revise? Follow the active revision cycle...



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## Stage One: Read

*“Where to start? What even do I need to read?”*

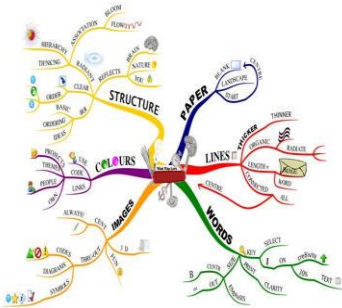


## Stage Two

Once you have read (stage 1) the information from your revision guide, class book or website, you need to do something with it (Stage 2)!

The options for revision are endless! Here we are going to give you some ideas and examples on some of the best ways to revise. Not all of them will suit your own personal style but some will so make sure you find a way and method that suits you.

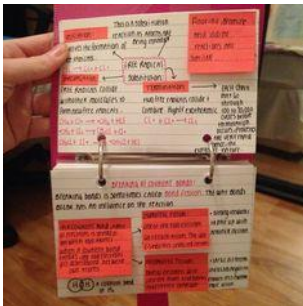
### MIND MAPS



- Four – six branches.
- Lines are fatter near the centre.
- Length of the word = length of the line.
- Use a mix of words and images.

### READ, COVER, WRITE/REPEAT

### FLASH CARDS



- Use colour and shape for different topics.
- Use a simple image on each card.
- No more than 6 key points on each card.
- Include facts, ideas, opinions.

### READ, COVER, WRITE/REPEAT

### RHYMES, SONGS



- Use a tune/pattern you know well.
- Each song/rhyme to cover a topic.
- Write the words yourself.
- Sing it/say it aloud.

### READ/LISTEN, COVER, WRITE/REPEAT

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**REMEMBER –**  
**PIG SLAP**  
**How the Nazis controlled Germany!**

words

- P Propaganda
- I Indoctrination
- G Gypsies, Gays and Jews
  
- S S.A.
- L Laws
- A Army
- P Police State

**POST IT NOTE REVISION**

- At the end of reading a page create a summary on your post-it note
- Try to do a maximum of three per page

**READ, COVER, WRITE/REPEAT**



**MNEMONICS**

- Use a word or phrase to condense information
- Make it no longer than 3-4
  
- Create an image to go with it
- Write out the words yourself
- Say it aloud

**READ, COVER, WRITE/REPEAT**

**QUIZLET OR KAHOOT**

- Sign up for free
- Create your own quizzes (which you then can complete)
- Use your revision notes to do this (stage one)

**READ, QUIZ, REPEAT**

These are just a handful of ideas. Try them and see which work for you and then repeat your revision using those preferred methods.

## Independent Revision Process: Stage Three

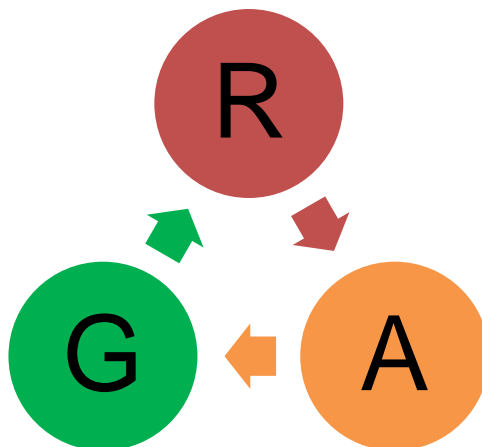
How do you know if the knowledge has stuck? **Test yourself.**

- Cover and Recall: hide your notes, how much can you remember? Talk out loud, write it down or tell someone. Check back to see if you missed anything.
- Kahoot/Gojimo: search for your topic or use the one you created
- BBC Bitesize Quizzes
- Grab a partner and get them to test you on your flashcards
- Answer an exam question- did you get all the content?
- Use Quizlet- use your own quizzes or you can find Mr Hobbis quizzes online by searching “Mr Hobbis” in Quizlet. There are a range of quizzes on our topics.

## Independent Revision Process: Stage Four

Back to your RAG sheets!

If you are now green well done, if your amber then revisit this in the next day and move onto another topic and if your red then start again! Revision is all about that active revision cycle and constantly revisiting your knowledge to make sure you don't forget any of it for the exam.



And that's it! All you have to do is complete it and you will be well on your way to GCSE History greatness.



## Top Ten Tips!

- I. **Start early** i.e. months, not days before the exam. Make a timetable to plan your revision and stick to it.
- II. **Don't spend ages making your notes look pretty-** this is just wasting time. For diagrams/mind maps include all the details you need to learn but don't try to produce a work of art.
- III. **Take short breaks** and timetable this in. Every hour have at least 15 minutes relaxing but try not to take a break every 10 minutes as you will get nothing done!!
- IV. **Stick revision notes all around the house/your room-** this way you constantly are reinforcing these in your mind and can remember Hitler's rise to power process was on the fridge!
- V. **Get yourself drinks and snacks.** This will stop you from making excuses and stopping every 10 minutes!
- VI. **Find a good space to revise.** Try to sit at a desk or somewhere you are comfortable.
- VII. **Avoid distractions.** Turn off the TV and only use your phone in your break! That's the time to check Facebook.....
- VIII. **Don't be put off!!** You will have the whole summer to do as you please so just sit down and get on with it. These results will stay with you for life so your favourite TV series can wait.
- IX. **Give yourself a break!** You can't simple do revision all day every day!! Do things you enjoy and reward yourself.
- X. **Stay calm,** this is your chance to show how brilliant you are and have nothing to fear!