



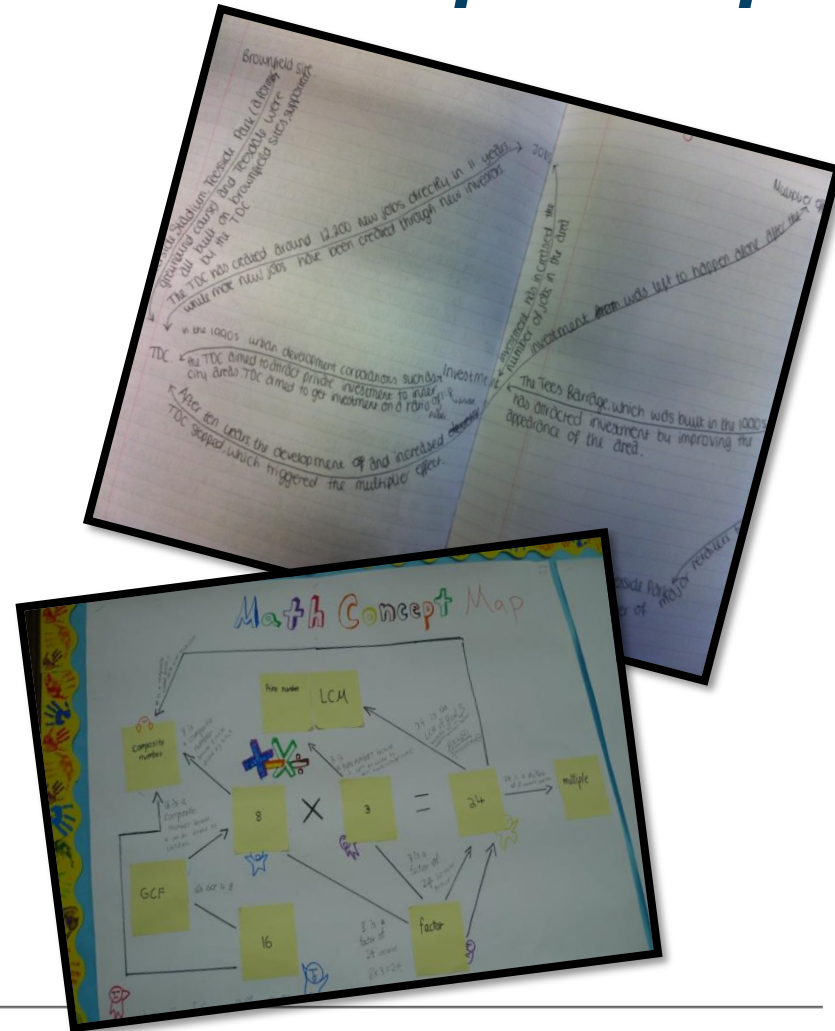
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Have you tried this one? Concept maps

A guide to using concept maps

1. This technique works well when you reach the higher levels/marks in an exam by making links
2. Read the information/text in detail
3. Decide on 8-10 key words/phrases which summarises the topic
4. Write them randomly across the A3 sheet of paper-you could highlight them so they are more visible
5. Look for a link between two words/phases; draw a line to represent the link
6. Now on the line write a detailed explanatory point on how these words/phrases are linked
7. Continue to make as may links as possible, explaining in detail on each linking line
8. You could then go back to the text and re-read to see what further detail you can add to your concept map

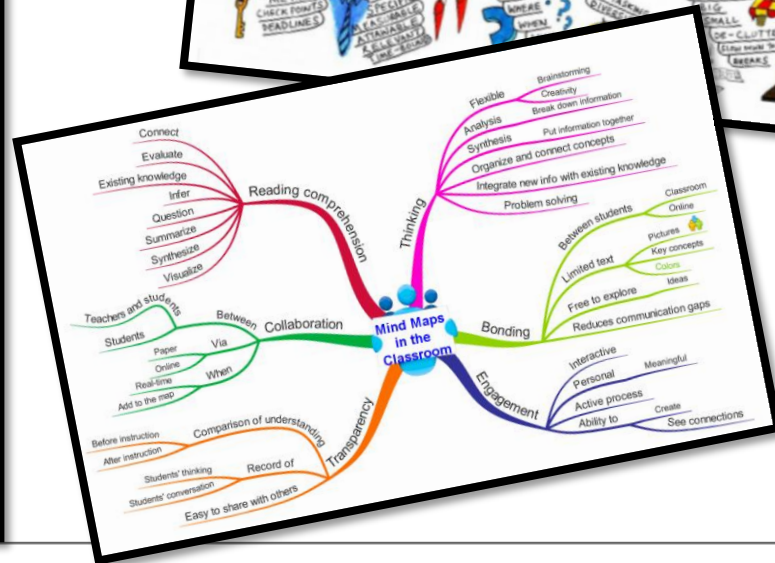
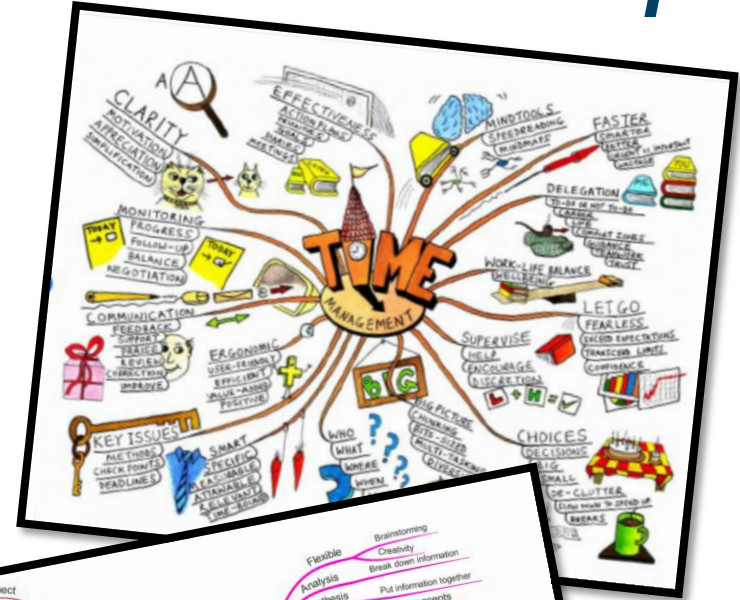




Have you tried this one? Mind maps

A guide to mind maps

1. Use an A3 piece of paper. Turn it so it is landscape.
2. Get a selection of coloured pens and highlighters
3. Start at the centre, with an unframed image-about 5-10cm high.
4. Make the branches closest to the centre thicker, attached to the image and wavy.
5. Place your main ideas or chapter headings on these branches.
6. Branch thinner lines off at the end of the main ideas to hold supporting data and information.
7. Use images wherever possible.
8. The image or word should always sit on the line of the same length.
9. Use colour coding to show topics, themes, dates or people.
10. Use outlines (bubbles, clouds, shading) to embrace branches or to show associations.
11. Develop your own style.
12. Once you have completed it, take your finger and show a friend, parent, relative etc what each branch shows
13. Now get them to test you on how much you can remember...





Have a go... concept maps vs mind maps

- Choose either concept maps or mind maps
- Produce a set of revision resources that you can use for one topic in one subject
- **Concept maps-** For example: It could be linking **key words in a geography case study** OR **key words/characters linked to An Inspector Calls** OR **key words/phrases linked to particles** in Chemistry
- **Mind Maps Cards-** For example: It could be a **summary of Elizabethan England** OR **matters of life and death in RE** OR **growing a business**
- Remember to finish them off at home and bring to show your tutor to be in with a chance to win the 'Going the extra mile' prize...

