

How to plan and prepare for KS3 History assessments

In History in Years 7, 8 and 9 you are assessed on how much you **know** and how effectively you can **explain** and **evaluate** in extended writing tasks. Effective **revision** is the key to doing well and achieving the highest possible grade. We all know **what** to revise, the hardest bit is working out **how** to revise.

The answer to the question of **how** to revise is to use our Nailsea Revision Strategy of **Upload**, **Process** and **Download**.

These listed strategies are supported by educational research, and are designed to enable you to engage with activities which result in successful outcomes.





Upload

- Create a colour coded mindmap organising key causes or consequences
- Create a trigger word map using your knowledge organiser for the unit.
- Create a flashcard for each key question/cause/consequence

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Process

- Create a 'recall' mindmap by trying to re-create your 'upload' mindmap without looking and then check and improve.
- Get someone to test you on the definitions of the key words on your trigger word map.
- Answer knowledge based questions on a retrieval mat

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Download

- Write a paragraph answering the enquiry question for the unit.
- Apply your knowledge and make 2 inferences from a relevant source.