**Study Ideas for Modern History**

**Palm Cards**

Make Palm cards. The process of making the cards is revision and then once you have the cards you can either self test or get someone else to test you.

**Wall Charts**

Perfect for all the visual learners! Make charts up and stick them somewhere where you will see them frequently (like the toilet). Your charts might include key facts or brainstorms and mind maps of key ideas.

**Self made tests**

If you make up tests and answer sheets, then put aside for a day or two then redo the test and mark you are reviewing material 3 times which will help reinforce your study.

**Using your electronic device**

Make up notes of key facts and record them and then you can play them back to yourself on your electronic device whilst you are on the bus or going for a walk.

**Use your parents**

In the nicest way of course! Give them a key topic or event and explain it to them. Tell them their job is to ask you to explain things, to ask you why you have said what you have and to make you justify your arguments. If they can’t help tell the dog about things by explaining things out loud you develop your arguments better and find holes in your understanding quicker which you then fill up.

**Set up a study Facebook page / schoology page**

Invite class members and friends from other schools who are studying the same unit. Ask questions, share ideas, test each other, have competitions. The more you verbalise the more embedded the information will become.

**Choosing the right colours**

According to basic colour theory, red and yellow stimulate the mind. Red draws attention to something that is important and is good for memory retrieval, while yellow highlights points that need to be remembered and stimulates mental activity. So, when it comes to revision it’s all about choosing the right colours to remember information. Highlight important text with a yellow highlighter, or write key phrases or terms using a red pen.

**Use the Internet wisely**

There is so much information on the internet and it is really easy to get lost and achieve nothing. It is better to target your research to particular sites and remember the best notes to study are those that your teacher gives you or directs you to.

Interesting study sites:

1. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/audio/history/>

This has revision notes, sample document analysis questions, study games and self tests. It also has audio material so you can listen to Roosevelt speak.

1. <http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk/revision/west.shtml>

This site has great self-tests and note taking outlines that enable you to check as you go. It also has games and quizzes.

1. <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/USA.htm>

This site has good overviews of the period it also has quite a lot of documents.

1. <http://www.activehistory.co.uk/Miscellaneous/menus/GCSE/Interwar_Europe_1929.htm>

This site has study games, quizzes and activities.