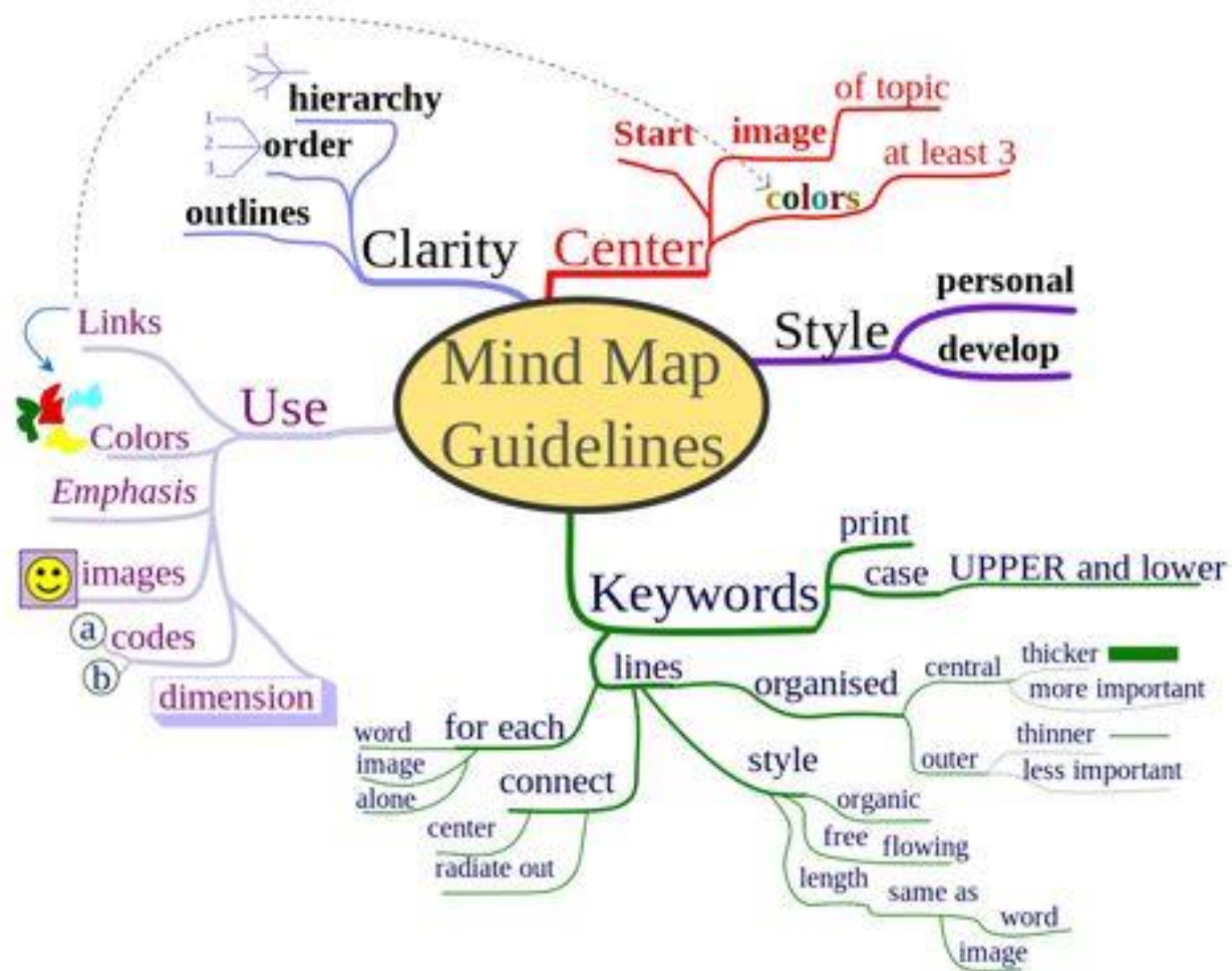
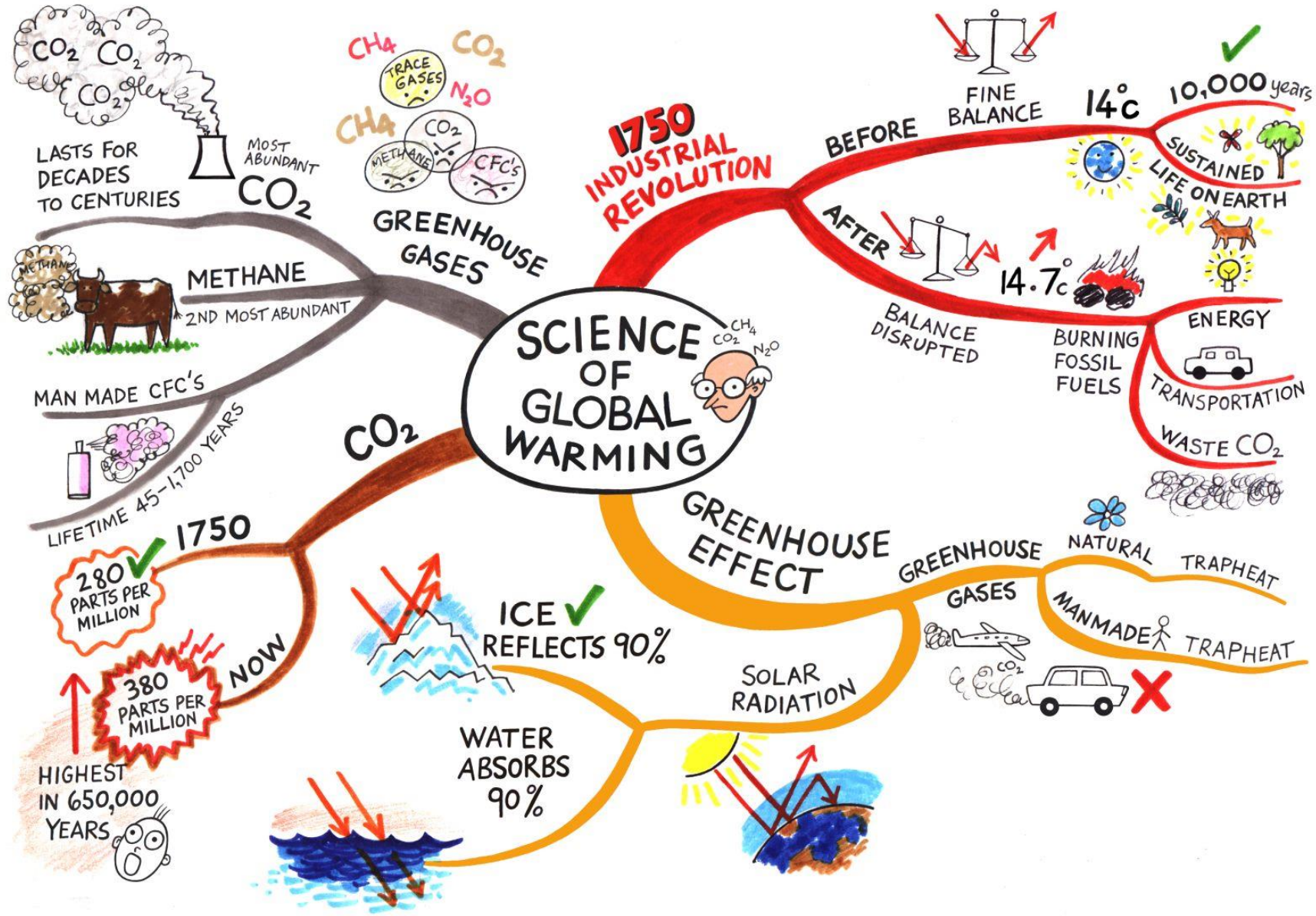
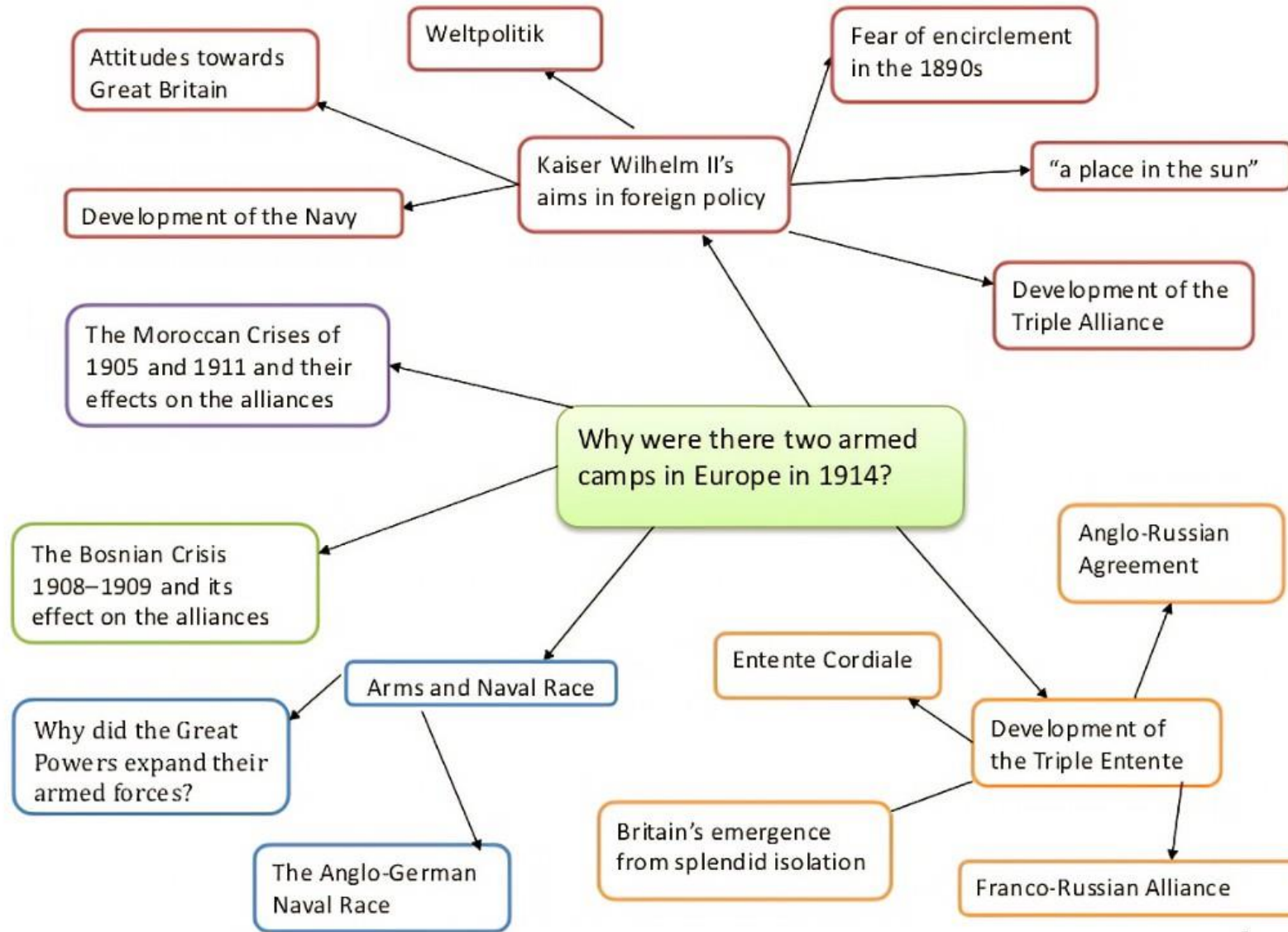


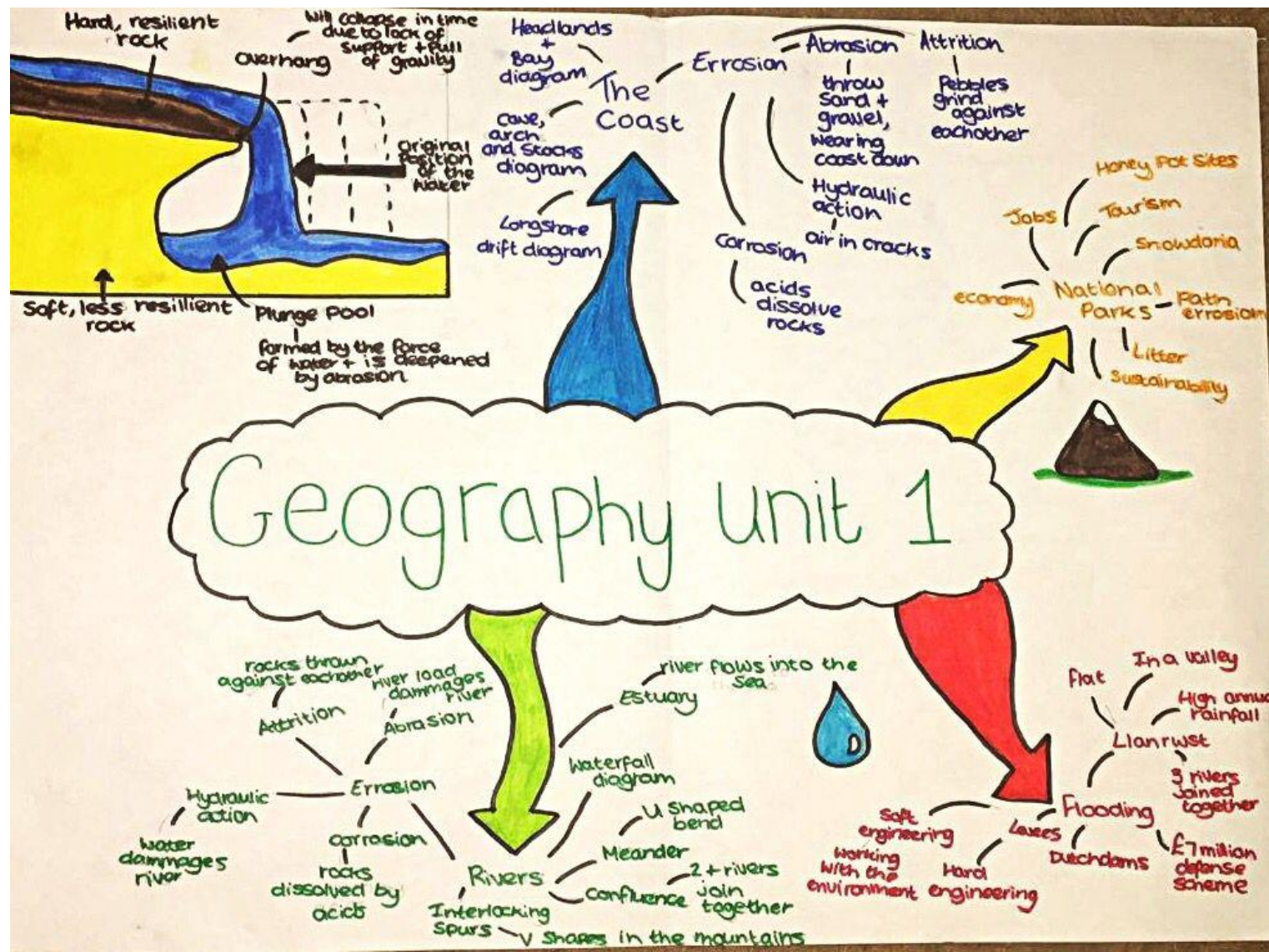
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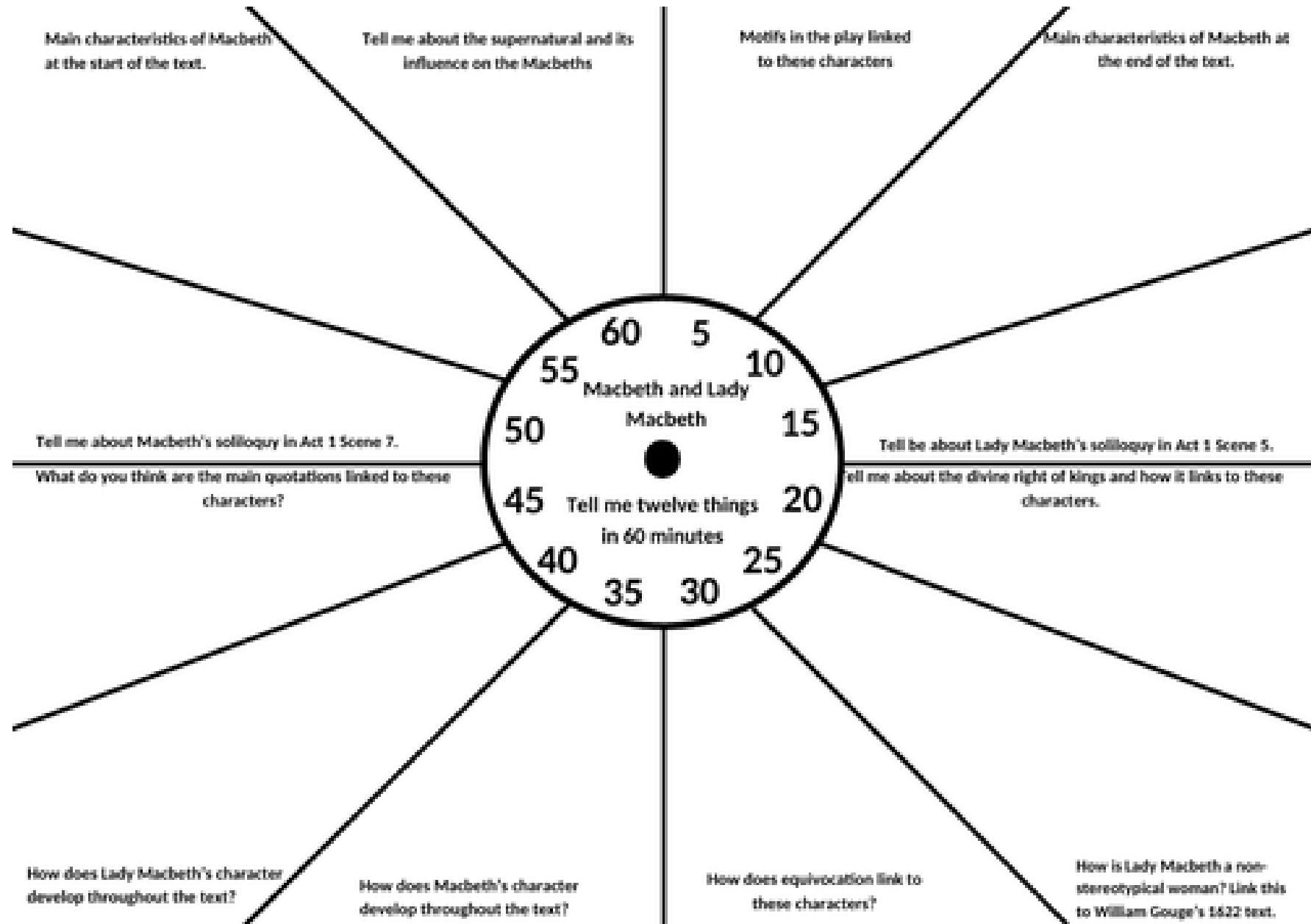
Mind Maps and Vocabulary

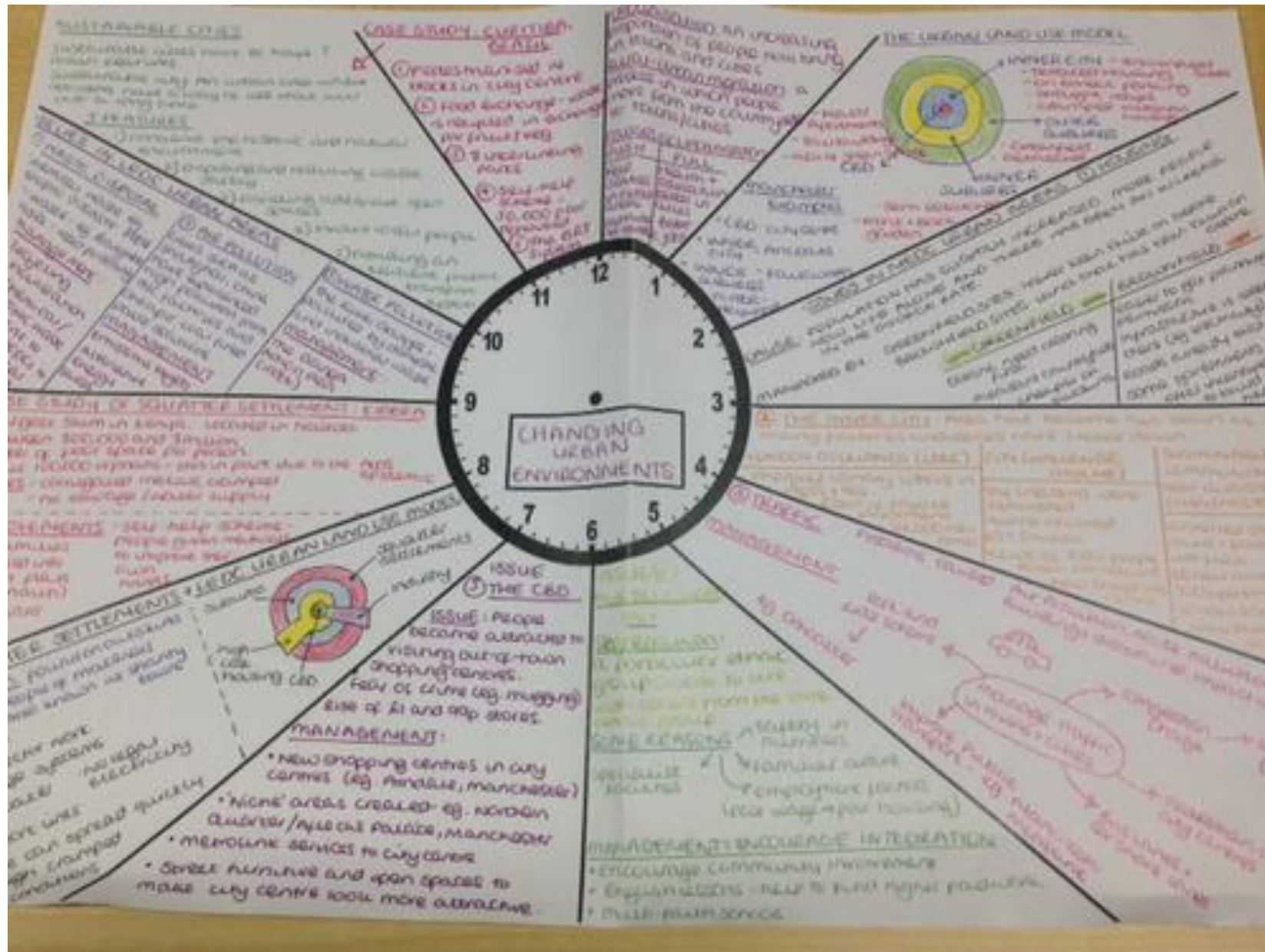












Mindmup

Benefits of mind maps

- Organisation
- Helps to remember things – visual
- Good for linking knowledge together
- The act of creation encourages processing of information
- A good starting point
- Creative thinking
- Tailored to your strengths

Overcoming Literacy Barriers through Vocabulary

- A quarter of 15 year olds have a reading age of 12 or under.
- Reading should therefore form a fundamental and vital part of your revision process for ALL subject areas.
- Students who struggle with reading are at a significant disadvantage in every GCSE they take.
- Word problems in GCSE maths can be especially challenging for those with poor literacy, who can struggle with some of the vocabulary used in the questions.
- English language, geography, maths, history, science, English literature and drama all require high levels of literacy.

Words define the shape and scope of our understanding. Learn a word such as “aglet”, the little plastic end to a shoelace, and you’ll be better able to recognise and enjoy something familiar and unremarkable. Learn the word “tarantism”, a disorder characterised by the uncontrollable urge to dance, and you’ll gain the ability to recognise and describe a trait in yourself or a friend. And, of course, words such as these are simply fun to know.

Overcoming Literacy Barriers through Vocabulary

One way to equip yourselves for the exams therefore is to focus on subject-related vocabulary, and also strengthening your vocabulary more generally.

- Read a range of different resources – these help you find new words in context.
- Practise using new words in written responses – you need to see or hear a word ten times to remember it.
- Subscribe to ‘word of the day’ lists on your phone – there are many free apps available for this (Vocabulary is a good one).
- Create flashcards of key words, with their definition, etymology, synonyms and antonyms on the reverse (like a Frayer grid). Etymological knowledge can be found on the internet, and it is really helpful when unlocking the meaning of other words.