



In A-Level Politics you should...

After each lesson...

- Review your notes – attempt a summary of the key learning from the lesson in your own words or create a diagram to represent key concepts or make a note, on a post-it, of how what you have just learnt is similar too or different from or how it is related to another concept.
- Review your understanding of key vocabulary and find current UK/US examples.
- See your teacher to address any misconceptions
- File your notes in the appropriate place

Every week...

- Create a diagram which includes definitions, in your own words, of the key concepts and terms from the lessons this week and shows how they are connected
- Complete a Seneca quiz on the concepts you have been learning this week. Revisit areas of concern by seeing your teacher or watching a relevant tutorial / video from Pre-Chewed Politics.
- Choose a concept from the week before and attempt a retrieval task – put the concept in the middle of a page and sit with the discomfort of attempting to remember the material. Check what you have recalled against the original notes. Add what you missed – but change the format (reword / create a diagram) to ensure that you process the information deeply. (Reading it through or copying it out are not effective ways of promoting long-term learning).

Every term ...

- Carry out a RAG rating of the concepts you have studied this half-term and address areas of concern by seeing your teacher, studying with a peer, watching a tutorial on Pre-chewed. If you can explain it to someone else (or on paper) you understand it. If you can't, revisit using a different method because as yet your understanding isn't secure.
- Spend time re-learning (retrieve what you can, deeply process what you have forgotten by changing the format) concepts you have forgotten.
- Create a summary of an entire topic, showing key concepts from the spec, key terms and how they are connected.
- Write yourself or a peer a series of quiz questions on a topic
- Do past paper questions on the material you have met this half term/read a case study on a past topic from Pre-Chewed Politics
- Test yourself on concepts you met last half-term and spend time re-learning those that are not secure- see technique above

Every year...

- Organise your folder, to ensure that you have all your class notes in the right order.
- Create a revision resource for the topics you have studied.
- Go back to your RAG rating sheets – has your knowledge of the topics improved, are there any where you still struggle with your understanding? See your teacher for help on the concepts/vocabulary that you still find challenging.
- Find current political examples from the UK/US to support the topics that you have studied so far.
- Check Pre-chewed for the latest case studies and complete the tasks.
- Plan an essay and a source question from a past paper, write one of these in timed conditions and get your teacher to check it.