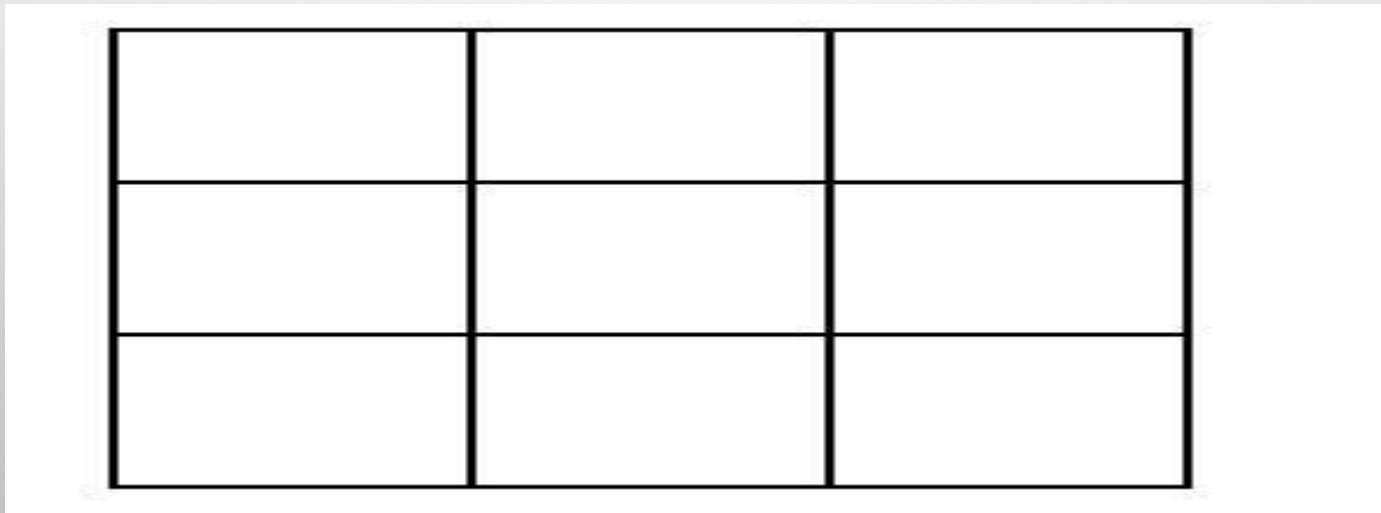


REVISION TECHNIQUES:

THE NINE BOX GRID





We all recognize that in order to **revise a subject** we need to **'go through'** the content.

This **does** mean **'rewriting'** or **'reorganizing'** the content of a subject.

Some pupils think that **mindlessly copying notes** is what we mean.

It's not.

# 'GOING THROUGH THE CONTENT'

- IS NOT:
- PASSIVE READING (READING WHILE HALF ASLEEP OR DISTRACTED)
- JUST HIGHLIGHTING NOTES.

# 'GOING THROUGH THE CONTENT'

- IT SHOULD BE:
- ACTIVE.
- THOUGHTFUL.
- ENGAGING.

# THIS SESSION'S EXAMPLE: THE NINE BOX GRID

- CHUNKING A TOPIC FROM A COURSE INTO 9 BOXES. IN EACH BOX SUMMARISE THE KEY IDEA OR IDEAS BEHIND THE TOPIC.
- AS YOU GET BETTER AT IT, YOU MIGHT END UP DOING A WHOLE COURSE INTO 9 TOPICS.

# MAKE YOUR 9 BOX GRID.



- FOLD YOUR PAPER INTO 3RDS.
- UNFOLD.
- TURN 90°
- FOLD INTO 3<sup>RD</sup>'S THE OTHER WAY.
- UNFOLD.



# EXAMPLE: MACBETH

- I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW TO CREATE A 9 BOX GRID FOR A LITERATURE TOPIC
- FIRST YOU NEED TO DECIDE ON THE 9 TOPIC AREAS YOU WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON FOR MACBETH
- THEN YOU CAN USE REVISION GUIDES/CLASS NOTES/OTHER REVISION MATERIALS TO FILL THE BOXES, OR TRY IT FROM MEMORY

## POSSIBLE 9 BOX TITLES:

- 1 – Macbeth
- 2 – Lady Macbeth
- 3 – King Duncan
- 4 – Banquo
- 5 – Macduff
- 6 – Witches
- 7 – Supernatural
- 8 – Kingship
- 9 – Historical Context

You could include:

Character descriptions

Character developments

Key quotations

Links to theme

Comparisons to other characters,  
themes or ideas.



# HOW TO COMPLETE THE BOXES:

- YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY EXTRA SPACE.
  - DON'T WRITE SO SMALL THAT YOU CAN'T READ IT.
  - USE DIAGRAMS, PICTURES, OR ANY GRAPHIC WAY OF ORGANIZING YOUR INFORMATION.
  - THEN TAKE A PHOTO IN CASE YOU LOSE IT!
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- ON THE BACK OF THE PAGE:
  - MAKE A LIST OF KEY CONCEPTS, IDEAS, OR VOCABULARY THAT YOU NEED TO LEARN.

Macbeth	Lady Macbeth	Banquo
Macduff	The Witches	King Duncan
Supernatural	Kingship	Historical Context

# WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED A 9 BOX GRID FOR THAT TOPIC:

- YOU ARE NOW READY TO PRACTICE THE EXAM SKILLS WITH THAT CONTENT, E.G. EXAM QUESTIONS, REVISION GUIDE WORKBOOKS, QUESTIONS FROM YOUR TEACHER.
- KEY POINT: DON'T WORRY ABOUT OTHERS COPYING EVERY WORD FROM THE GUIDE, YOU NOW KNOW THE CONTENT BETTER THAN THEM AS YOU HAVE HAD TO UNDERSTAND IT IN ORDER TO TRANSFORM IT INTO 9 SMALL BOXES.
- ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED ONE 9 BOX GRID, YOU CAN USE THE SAME FORMAT FOR EACH SUBJECT AND THEN EACH MODULE / TOPIC / TEXT IN EACH SUBJECT