

WRITING DEVELOPMENT

Making notes is a skilled task, develops over years, and everyone has their own variant! The exercises in this unit are a brief intro. The best way to learn this skill, however, is to do it; every page you study should be read with a pencil and notebook by your side. PS research has shown the hand-WRITING the notes 'fixes' the information in your brain better than typing or highlighting.

Korea

10. Making Notes IV – timelines

When I was at university, I always began the study of any new topic by building a timeline. A timeline helps fix the sequence of events, around which you can develop your understanding. Extended backwards and forwards, it gives insight into causes and consequences.

Facts within a 'story' (narrative) are more easily-remembered than 'factors' (analysis). Knowledge of a timeline will be vitally useful for most of the AQA's 'Write an account of...' and OCR's 'Outline how...' exam questions.

Online timelines are usually useless. Instead:

1. Start by using §B of [the webpage](#) to make your own timeline.

Scan-read down the section, finding the relevant dates mentioned, and jot them down, with a short note as to what happened, so as to complete the following table:

Date	Event
25 June 1950	_____
_____	Resolution 83
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
31 December 1950	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
27 July 1953	_____

When you have done that, scan through §§A & B to add other relevant dates before and after the war itself.

At this point, check to see if you have enough of a frame to write a decent narrative story of the Korean Crisis. If you do, you can stop. If not, go looking for facts to 'plug the gaps' or sort out any puzzles.

Do not list too many events – you need to remember them! More than a dozen is probably too many.

2. Go through your work on the Cold War. Good topics to have timelines on would be:
 - [The Soviet takeover of eastern Europe](#)
 - The events of [Truman Doctrine/ Marshall Plan](#)
 - [The Berlin Blockade](#)
 - The period of [Peaceful Co-existence, 1956-63](#) (this will take a little sorting out)
 - [The Hungarian Revolution](#) (you may need to go looking for more dates)
 - [The U2 Crisis](#)
 - [The Berlin Wall](#)
 - [The Cuban Missiles Crisis](#)
 - [The Prague Spring](#)
 - [Détente, 1969-73](#) (this will take a lot of sorting out)