



Teaching notes

The idea for this came from History teacher Alex Fairlamb, via Twitter (@lamb_heart_tea).

The idea is to ask students to expand and connect their ideas on a key question. It could be used to assist in essay planning. Ask students to fill in the four layers, working outwards from the centre, using the following information:

Inner layer - main 'point' of the paragraph (what was the impact of this factor in a sentence?)

Next layer - evidence to support the point

Next layer - an explanation of how the evidence supports the point

Outer layer - judgement (how important was this factor relative to the others?)

Students could then be asked to draw links between the segments using arrows around the outside.

Enlarging to A3 is recommended for more extended planning!