

Year 7 – Creating a Viewpoint – English Knowledge Organiser

Expectations and content

What is this unit about and why do we teach it?

- Preparation for English Language Paper 2 in which they must write using rhetoric. This is an introduction in to persuasive writing and assesses students on their ability to promote a place and to communicate a viewpoint on an issue. All terms from the mega map relevant to rhetoric are incorporated and practiced in the scheme.

Key Skills taught:

- How to effectively express a viewpoint
- How to explore a range of topics including current affairs and controversial topics.
- How to analyse language and construct an answer using the departmental structure.
- How to engage the reader.
- Identifying Purpose, Audience and Form.
- Effective use of facts, statistics and evidence.

Key terminology taught:

- Introduction to the terminology Mega Map
- Rhetoric (persuasive techniques)
- Perspective and viewpoint
- Adventurous vocabulary
- Sensory description
- Sentence structure
- Range of punctuation
- Revision of word classes
- Emotive Language
- Hyperbole

If your child needs support

Terminology help:

- Understanding of basic word classes such as noun, verb, adverb and adjective.
- Encourage your child to widen their vocabulary by finding synonyms and antonyms for words they use.

General help:

- Encourage wider reading of articles found in newspapers and magazines.
- Encourage your child to share the opinion on certain topics.
- Practise drafting work, reading back through it once it has been completed and making any changes necessary. Self reflection is an important skill to learn.

If your child needs extension

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Ask their opinion on a current topic or ask them to discuss a controversial topic with you.
- What are the features of a convincing viewpoint?

Challenging activities to complete:

- Write a review on their current reading material. Include a variety of techniques.
- Ask your child their opinion on various current or controversial topics. Encourage them to justify their answer and back up their viewpoint with facts or statistics.

Suggested further reading:

- Newspapers - a variety
- News reporting websites
- Blog sites such as huffingtonpost.co.uk
- Opinion section of the Guardian newspaper website
- BBC news
- Newsround