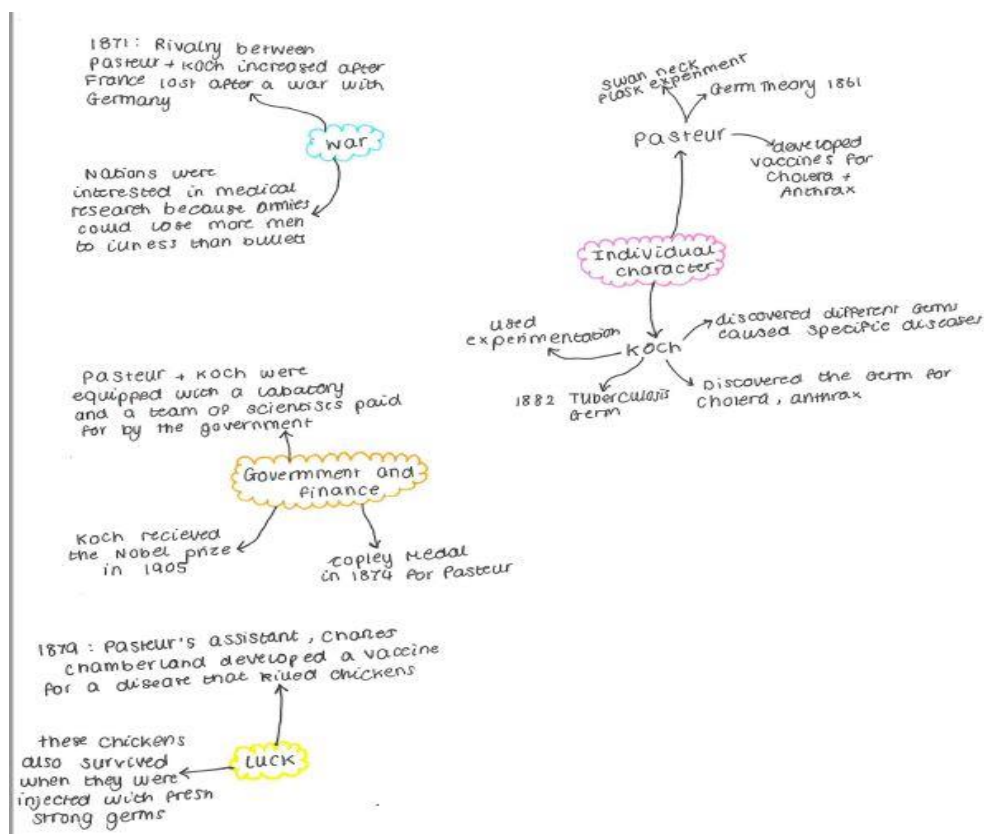


Lower 5 study the history of 19th century medicine



As Lower 5 history pupils near the end of their second GCSE module, they have investigated the rate of medical progress, discovery and innovation in the 19th century. To enable them to understand the causes of this accelerated progress, pupils have studied broad factors that encouraged and facilitated advancement. Some of the factors are shown above in the example of a pupil's work. They also include teamwork, communication and technology. In the GCSE history exam, pupils will be expected to successfully evaluate the impact of these factors on medical history and the extent to which they encouraged or, in some cases, impeded scientific progress. It is, therefore, crucial that pupils are able to demonstrate detailed knowledge of the time period in question and can make informed comparisons between multiple factors.

Pupils will progress from the 19th century into the 20th and conclude the course by studying the major medical breakthroughs of recent history. Once this has been completed, we aim to begin work on the third history module, the settlement of the American West and the growth and consolidation of the United States in the 19th century.

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