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Dynamic Reading

The 3 Key Reasons Why We Note-Take:

1	2	3

Dynamic Reading – How to Read the Text:

Step 1: “Why am I reading this?” / Look at the heading

- The _____ heading _____ tells us what the information is all about.
- If something doesn't answer the question then it is ___not needed_____.

Step 2: Find the key points

- The _____ subheadings _____ tells us what the most important parts are.
- These are the _key points_____ you will need to give an examiner in an exam.

Step 3: Find your evidence

The questions you want to be asking are:

- “How does this explain the key point?”

In an exam this information is your ___evidence_____

Take a __highlighter_____ and _____highlight_____ each of the explanations.

Formatting Your Notes

Your Page

<u>HEADING</u>
<u>Sub-heading</u>	
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<u>Sub-heading</u>	
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4 Tips for Effective Notes

Tip 1	Use a pen
Tip 2	Use your own words
Tip 3	Use trigger words
Tip 4	Use colour

Note-Taking Exercise

THE RISE OF EMINEM

Goals

- Kept him motivated
- Kept him out of trouble

Action

- Never gave up
- Constant practice
- Trying to get noticed

Standing out

- Visually
- Lyrically

Mind-Mapping

3 Steps For Mind-Mapping

1. Main idea goes in the centre
2. 2nd most important ideas = branches off centre
3. 3rd most important ideas = branches off branches

Eg



***For more on Mind-Mapping,
go to www.elevateeducation.com***

Mind-Mapping Your Notes

To Mind-Map Your Notes:

Step 1	Centre Circle = HEADING
Step 2	1 st Branches = SUB-HEADING
Step 3	2 nd Branches = BULLET POINTS

Mind-Mapping Exercise:

***How can Mind-Mapping reduce your study time? Find out at
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Memorise Your Notes

Use a Mnemonic System to Memorise Your Notes

1 =	BUN	6 =	STICKS
2 =	SHOE	7 =	HEAVEN
3 =	TREE	8 =	GATE
4 =	DOOR	9 =	TIME
5 =	BEE HIVE	10 =	HEN

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Explaining the Rise of Eminem

Controversial, talented and hugely successful Eminem is a character who you either love or love to hate. His story, artistically played out in the movie, 'Eight Mile' is a classic rags to riches tale which is laced with lessons that we can all learn from.

Goals

Eminem was born in 1976 in Kansas City to a single, unemployed mother. His mother used to move back and forth every 2-3 months between Detroit and Kansas City in search of work. As a result Eminem never ended up settling down. As soon as he began to settle down in a school in one city he was moved off again to another city and another school. Each time he moved to a new school he found himself as the "new kid" with no friends. It was at this stage of his life that he found his only real happiness - listening to rap music. He began to rap and after a while realised that he was pretty good at it. It was at this stage that he set himself the goal to become a top selling rapper. This goal was extremely important for two reasons. Firstly it kept Eminem motivated. Because his family was so poor Eminem needed to work long hours just to get the money to scrape by. He used to come home at nights exhausted but instead of simply going to sleep or relaxing he made sure he spent another few hours writing out rhymes and practising his rapping style. The second reason why his goal was so important was that it kept him focused. Eminem lived in an area where it was extremely easy to get involved in crime and drugs. Had Eminem got involved in this lifestyle and gone to prison you could almost bet that he never would have become the top-selling artist he is today. His goal gave him the focus and kept him out of trouble.

Action

Having a goal is all well and good but not enough by itself. Without action a goal is just a dream.

Eminem took action on his goal by constantly practising. In fact he used every spare moment he had to practise. One of Eminem's old bosses described how Eminem used to work as a waiter in his hamburger

restaurant and how Eminem used to take the customers orders and then rap them to the chef. Similarly when he was just chilling out with people he would use any opportunity to start rapping, for example he would rap about his friend's names, about the weather or about someone that walked by. This constant practice though ensured that his skills always improved. Eminem also took action upon his goal by constantly trying to get noticed. He used to go into clubs and try and get on stage in freestyle battles where 2 rappers challenge each other in an "off the cuff" duel. It was only by getting himself heard in clubs and on radio that he managed to come to people's attention and to earn himself his first record deal. Just because he had a record deal didn't mean he had achieved his goal. His first album was a failure. It was panned by the critics and hardly sold any copies. It was then that Eminem took action by never giving up. Despite his knocks he continued to take action, refusing to let his failures get him down. It was this action through persistence that eventually bought him to the attention of the biggest producer in LA who signed Eminem and helped him launch his first hit album.

Stand Out

Finally Eminem realised that he couldn't be like everyone else. He realised that in order to be the best he would need to stand-out. As long as he was just like everyone else he would never achieve his goal. As a result he went to great lengths to make himself different and to make himself stand-out. He started by aiming to stand-out visually. He dyed his hair blond, got a number of tattoos on his arms and body and would often go on stage wearing a hockey mask. Secondly he aimed to stand-out lyrically. He would intentionally rap about controversial topics or bag out other celebrities such as Christina Aguilera, Moby and Ny-Sync among others. Because he was so different and because he stood out so much it became much harder for the public to forget about him. The longer people paid attention to him and remembered him the more records he sold.