**Year 8 Review 3 Revision**

**Reading Section – 40 minutes**

**Writing Section – 40 minutes**

For Review 3, you will be showing off how well you have understood the skills we have been learning in lessons this year so far, as well as how well you remember your learning from last year.

**Your main revision documents should be your English exercise books – you can use them to see how we completed these skills in lessons.**

**Revision Help:**

If you need a bit of help or guidance, remember that the Year 8 English help clinic takes place on Thursday lunch times in room 27 with Miss Allen.

**Questions Covered**

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| **Section** | **Q** | **Question Example** | **Marks** | **What do I have to do?** |
| **Reading** | 1 | You will be asked to analyse *Still I Rise*, a poem which you will cover in lessons before the exam. | 30 | **Write 3 good PETER paragraphs**.   * Show that you **understand** what the poem is about. * Explain what **messages**/lessons the poet is trying to teach us through the powm. * Find information in the text to support your ideas. Find a **quote**. * **Explain HOW** the quote you chose proves your point. * Pick out a **language technique** used in your quote (e.g. simile, adjective). * Select **one word** from your quote and look at what it suggests (connotations). Explain HOW this helps to prove your point. * Include **context** around the poem (which you will cover in lessons). |
| **Writing** | 5 | Write a speech.  You will be told in the exam what the speech should be about. | 40  (24 content  16 SPAG) | **Success Criteria**   * Use the right format – remember it is a SPEECH * Write in paragraphs * Use great vocabulary * Use DAFORESTER or RED SEA TRIP * Start your sentences in different ways * Use a mixture of sentence lengths and starters * Use sophisticated punctuation. * **PROOF READ YOUR WORK!** |

**Still I Rise (Maya Angelou)**

You will cover this poem in lessons and then be expected to revise it for the exam.

You will receive a **blank** copy of the poem in the exam.

You may write me down in history

With your bitter, twisted lies,

You may trod me in the very dirt

But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?

Why are you beset with gloom?

’Cause I walk like I've got oil wells

Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,

With the certainty of tides,

Just like hopes springing high,

Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?

Bowed head and lowered eyes?

Shoulders falling down like teardrops,

Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?

Don't you take it awful hard

’Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines

Diggin’ in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,

You may cut me with your eyes,

You may kill me with your hatefulness,

But still, like air, I’ll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?

Does it come as a surprise

That I dance like I've got diamonds

At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history’s shame

I rise

Up from a past that’s rooted in pain

I rise

I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,

Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear

I rise

Into a daybreak that’s wondrously clear

I rise

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,

I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

I rise

I rise

I rise.

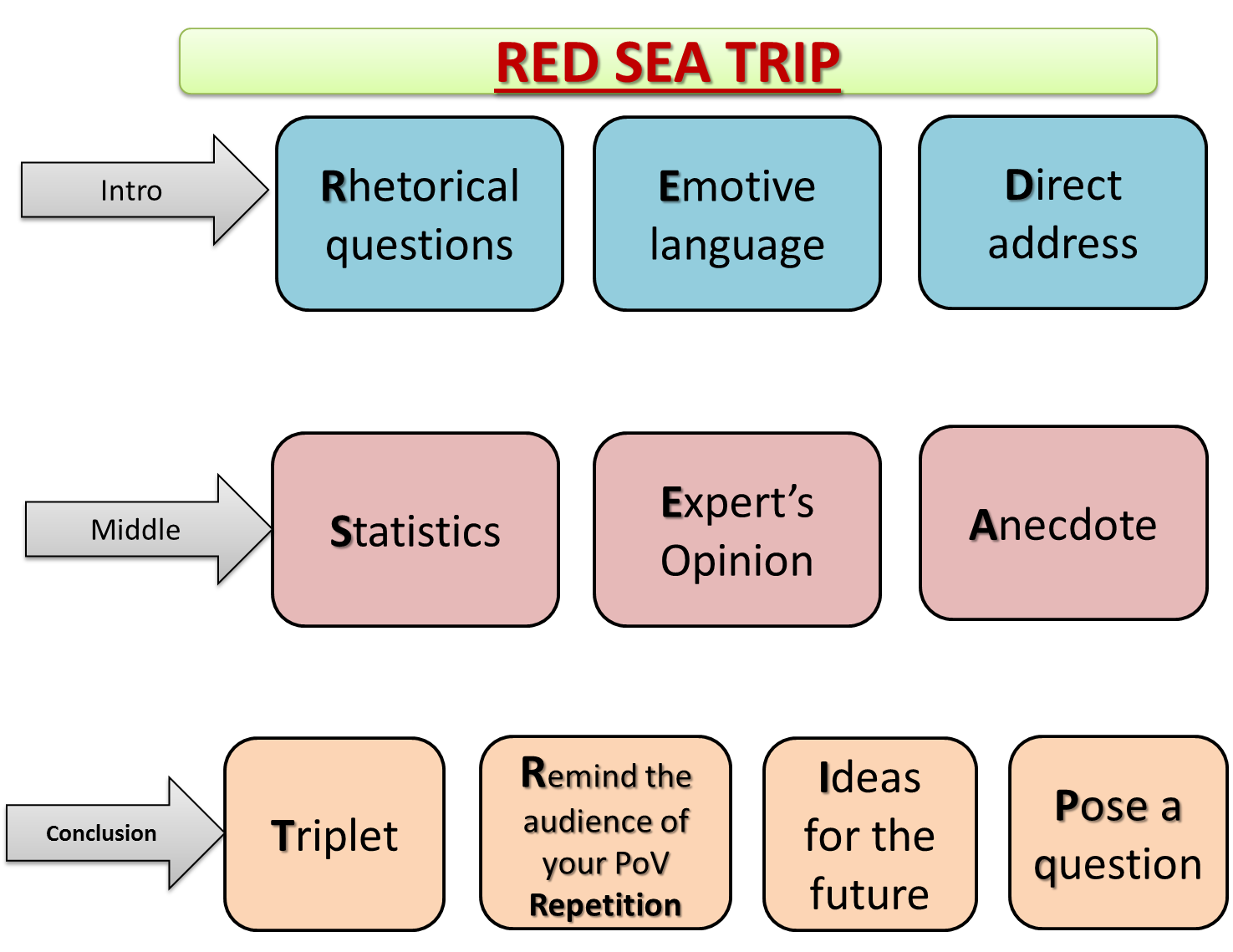
**Q5: Practice Speech Topics**

You will be told what to write about in the exam.

Some example speeches are:

* Write a speech about the dangers of bullying
* Write a speech about the dangers of racism
* Write a speech about sexism
* Write a speech about the benefits of playing video games
* Write a speech about the benefits of homework

**Use this structure when writing your speeches to ensure your message is effective and your speech is engaging:**



**TIP: Always PLAN your work before you start writing!**

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