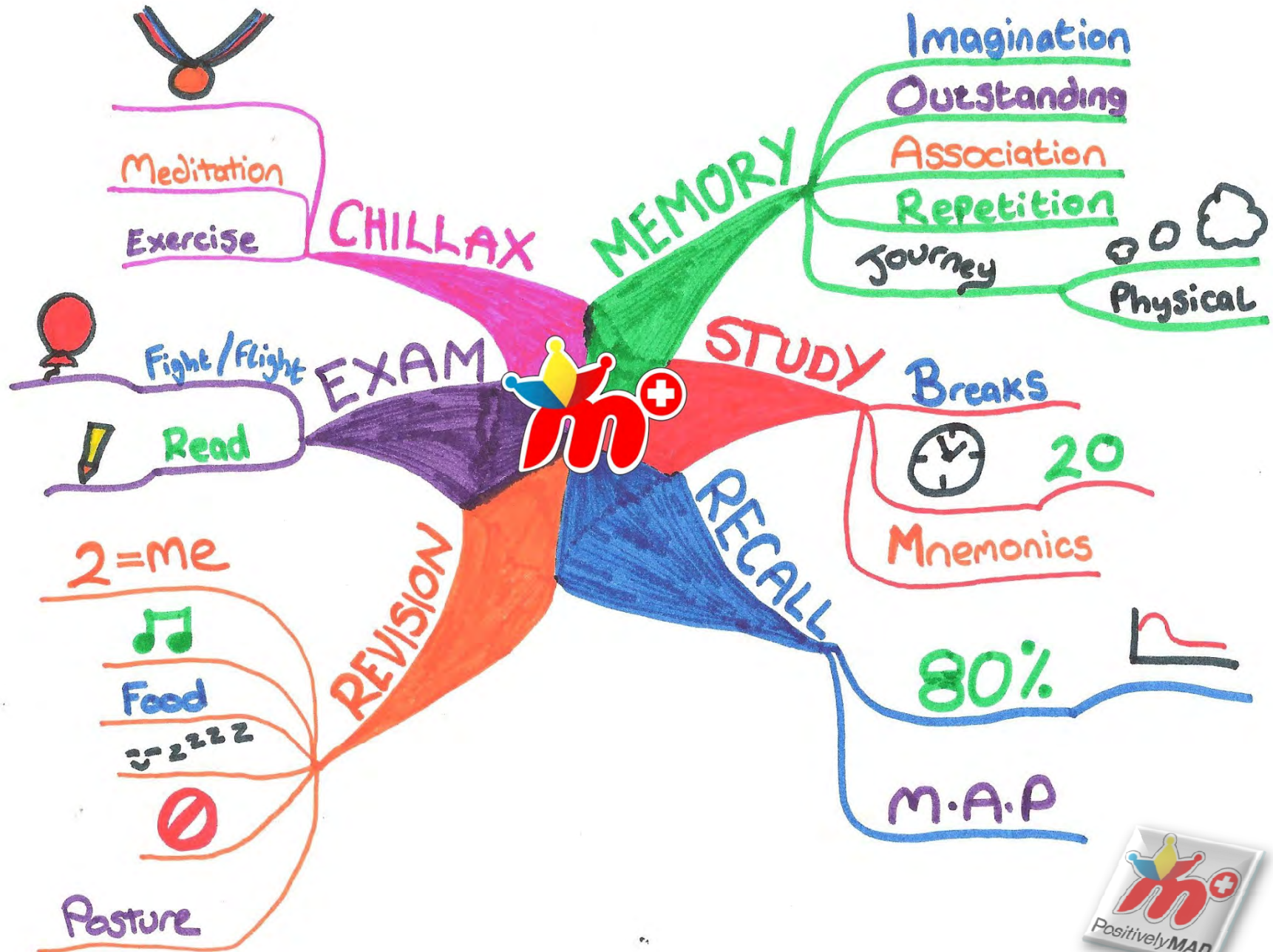




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MUHAMMAD ALI 1942-...

Muhammed Ali, arguably the greatest boxer in the history of the sport. He was born in 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky in the United States. He was named after his father, Cassius Clay, Sr., who was named for the 19th century abolitionist and politician Cassius Clay. He changed it to Muhammed Ali in 1964. He became a boxer at the age of 12. As an amateur boxer he won many titles, culminating in the Light Heavyweight gold medal in the 1960 Olympics in Rome, Italy. When Ali returned home to the states, he was so proud that he wore the medal around his neck wherever he went. After a week, he went to a café and ordered a drink. The waiter said “I’m sorry, we don’t serve coloured people”. Ali was so incensed by this! He had represented his country, won the gold medal, and come back to this kind of treatment. Muhammed Ali ripped from his neck and threw it into a river. Ali turned professional at the age of 18. Ali’s record was 100 wins, 5 losses when he ended his amateur career.

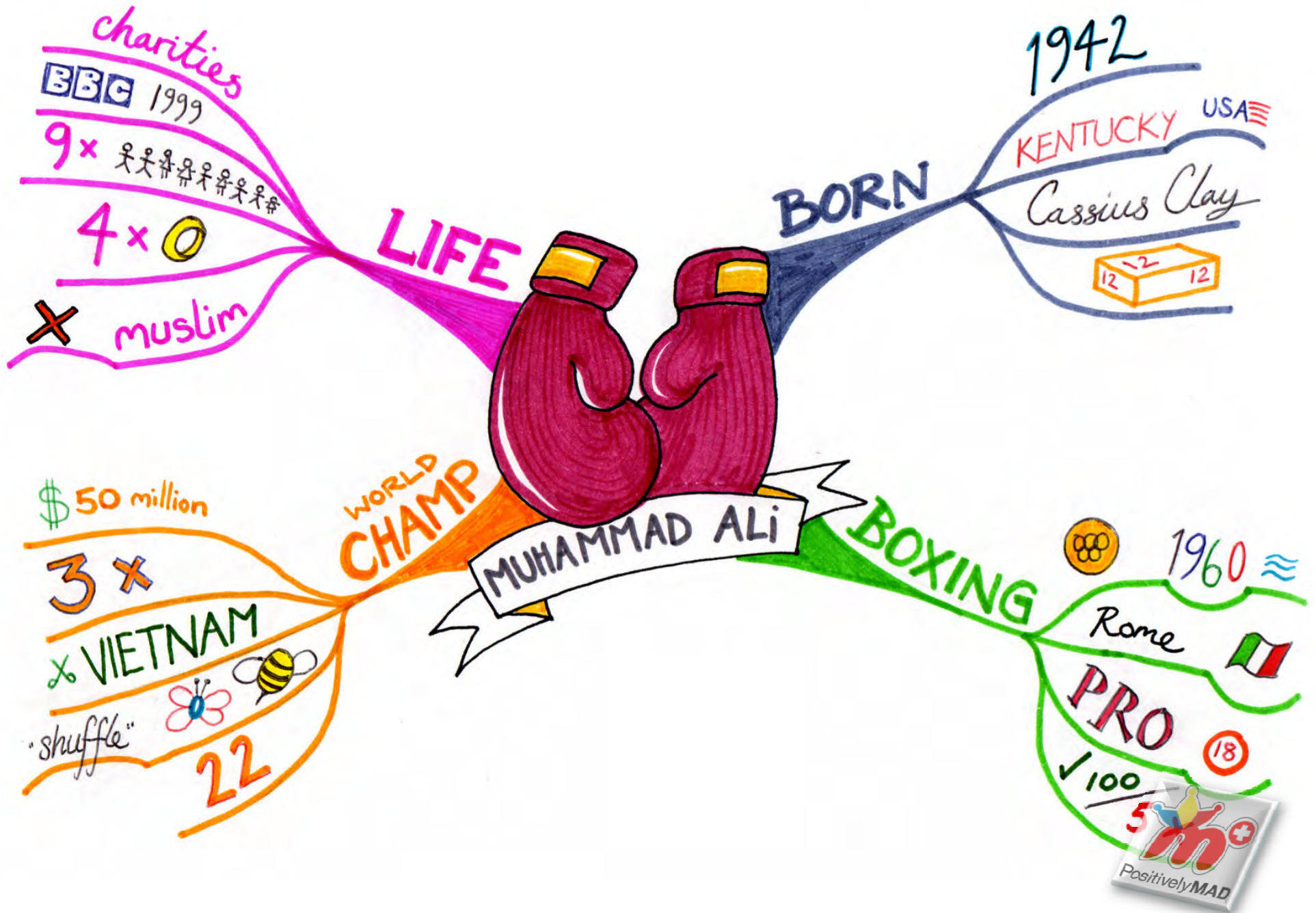
Ali became the World Champ at the age of 22. Clay was famed for his unorthodox fighting style. Rather than match his opponents with brute force, Clay brought tactics and strategy into the ring. With his fast-moving style, he was equally adept at dodging a punch as at delivering one. His fancy footwork soon became known as the ‘Ali shuffle’. Ali also fought a great psychological game, often beating fighters before they stepped foot in the ring. It was in the pre-fight build up to his first world-title fight with sonny liston that Ali famously said “I will float like a butterfly and sting like a bee”.

In 1967, when Ali refused on religious grounds to be drafted into the US army to fight in Vietnam, he was stripped of his title and banned from boxing., two decisions he successfully overturned in court. This he achieved by defending himself brilliantly without a lawyer.

In 1971, Ali lost the title to Joe Frazier. Ali went on to win it back and then fought in two of the most famous fights in the history of boxing; The Rumble in the Jungle, versus George Forman and The Thrilla in Manilla, again versus Joe Frazier. Ali is the only boxer to have held the World title on 3 separate occasions. Ali retired from professional boxing in 1981, at the age of 39, with a career record of 56 wins and 5 losses, and as a three-time World Heavyweight Boxing Champion. Throughout his boxing career Ali was won over 50 million \$. Muhammed Ali became a Muslim around the age of 22, and a member of a group known as the Nation of Islam (or the Black Muslims) and was inspired by the teachings of Malcolm X. Muhammad Ali has been married 4 times, and has had nine children. There have been many films made of his life, most recently with Will Smith in the title role. Ali was awarded the coveted title of ‘Sportsman of the Century’ by the BBC in 1999.

Although suffering from parkinsons disease, Ali still makes many public appearances. He refuses to allow his disability to beat him. He travels around the world doing great work for charity.





Mind Mapping

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Leonardo Da Vinci

Leonardo Da Vinci is one of history's most renowned artists. His **name** may sound familiar from his art or from the film 'the Da Vinci Code' based on one of his paintings, however 'Da Vinci' could mean anyone from the **town** of **Vinci** as that's what it means Leonardo from the town of Vinci.

Leonardo was born on the **fifteenth of April 1452**. His mother was called **Caterina** and it is believed she worked in the **house of his father**. Leonardo was born out of **wed lock** so had very few options available to him. He did not receive a proper **education** because of this.

Most of his works are **unfinished**, due mainly to his approach. He followed a very **scientific method** to his art. He would **study** a subject, sometimes for **months** to get it exactly right. He would observe, then make notes then re-evaluate before starting his piece. If he was studying a plant he would first need to understand its genetics and how it lived before starting his piece. This meant he would find a new project and be motivated and inspired and leave the project he was working on. He would take the money for the projects even though he did not finish them. This came back to haunt him in Milan when a court ordered him to finish a painting he started 20 years earlier.

The **Mona Lisa** has always caused discussion as to whether she is **smiling** or **sad**. During their sittings Leonardo would have **musicians** playing and joking while he painted so she didn't get bored. Although her husband commissioned the painting he never got it as Leonardo carried it around for **15 years** as it was 'unfinished'. He was commissioned by the Pope to paint but after **7 months** he had done no painting but had created a **varnish** from **herbs**!

He was the first man in the world to make a **mechanical toy** that **moved** independently. It was a **lion** which he made for the **King of France**. He also did a lot of studying of the human body. Due to his scientific interest he even went into **dissection** and was the first person to study each **organ** individually. Whilst doing this he was the first man to discover the **heart works** like a **muscle**.

The **Last Supper** is one of his most famous paintings. The film The Da Vinci Code is based around this painting. He didn't use water paints on wet plaster to paint like other artists he used his own recipe of **oil based paints** which did mean the painting started to deteriorate. He would paint for **3-4 days** without **eating, drinking** or **sleeping** then just stare at it for days. After 3 years of painting it a friar complained that it was taking him too long. Leonardo explained that he had been studying **low lifes** for weeks to find the right face for Judas but the **friar's face** seemed to fit!





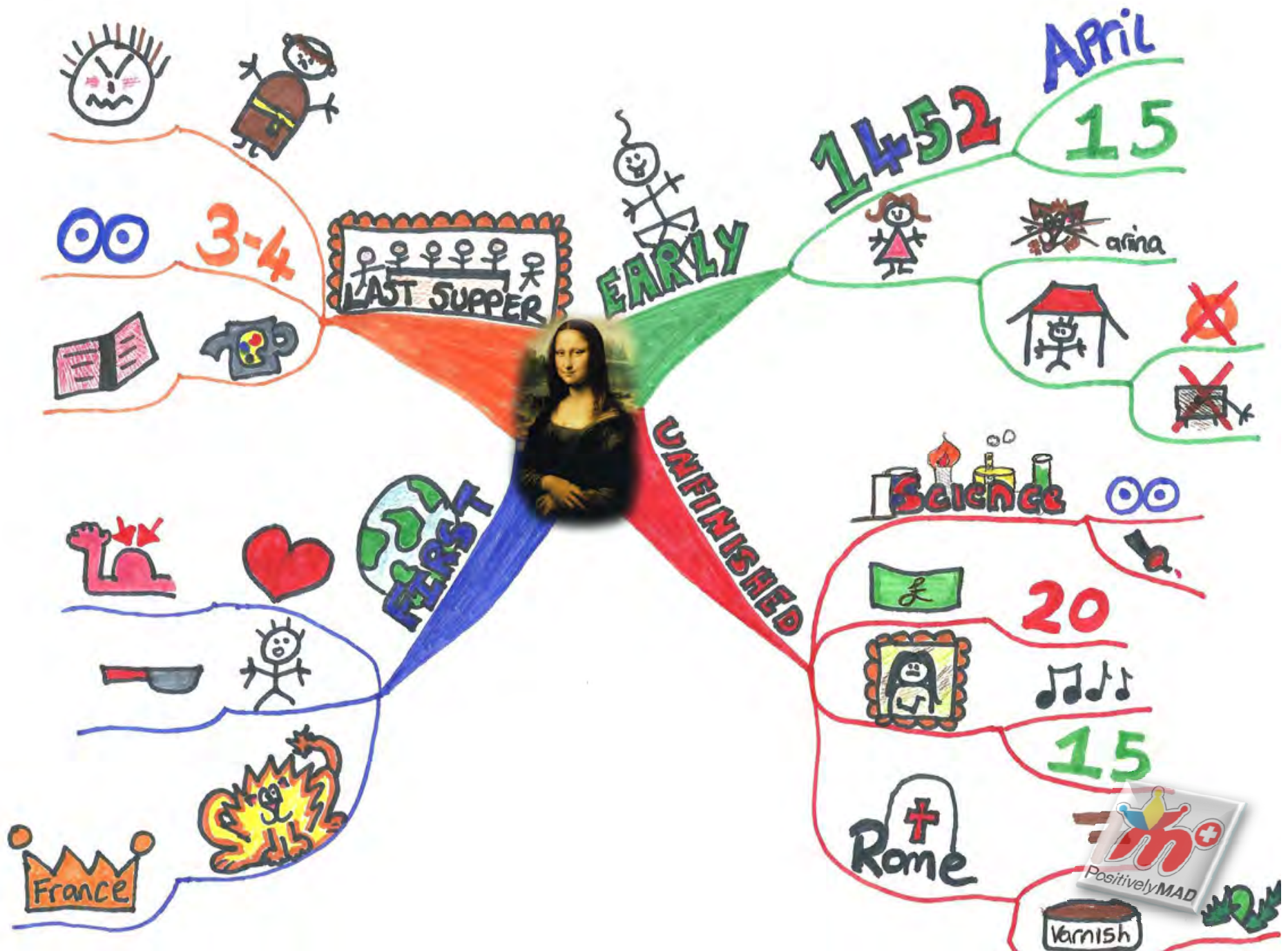
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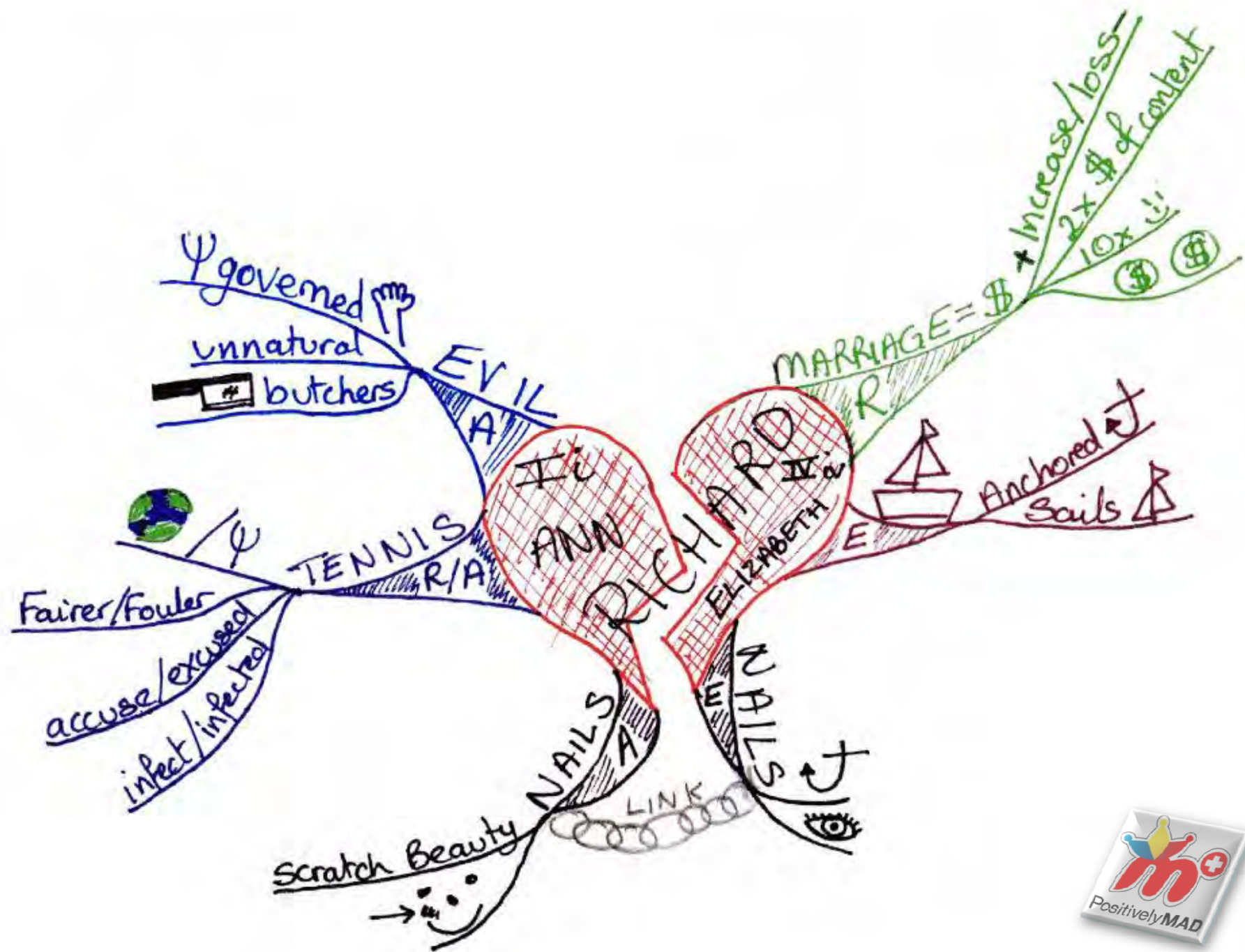


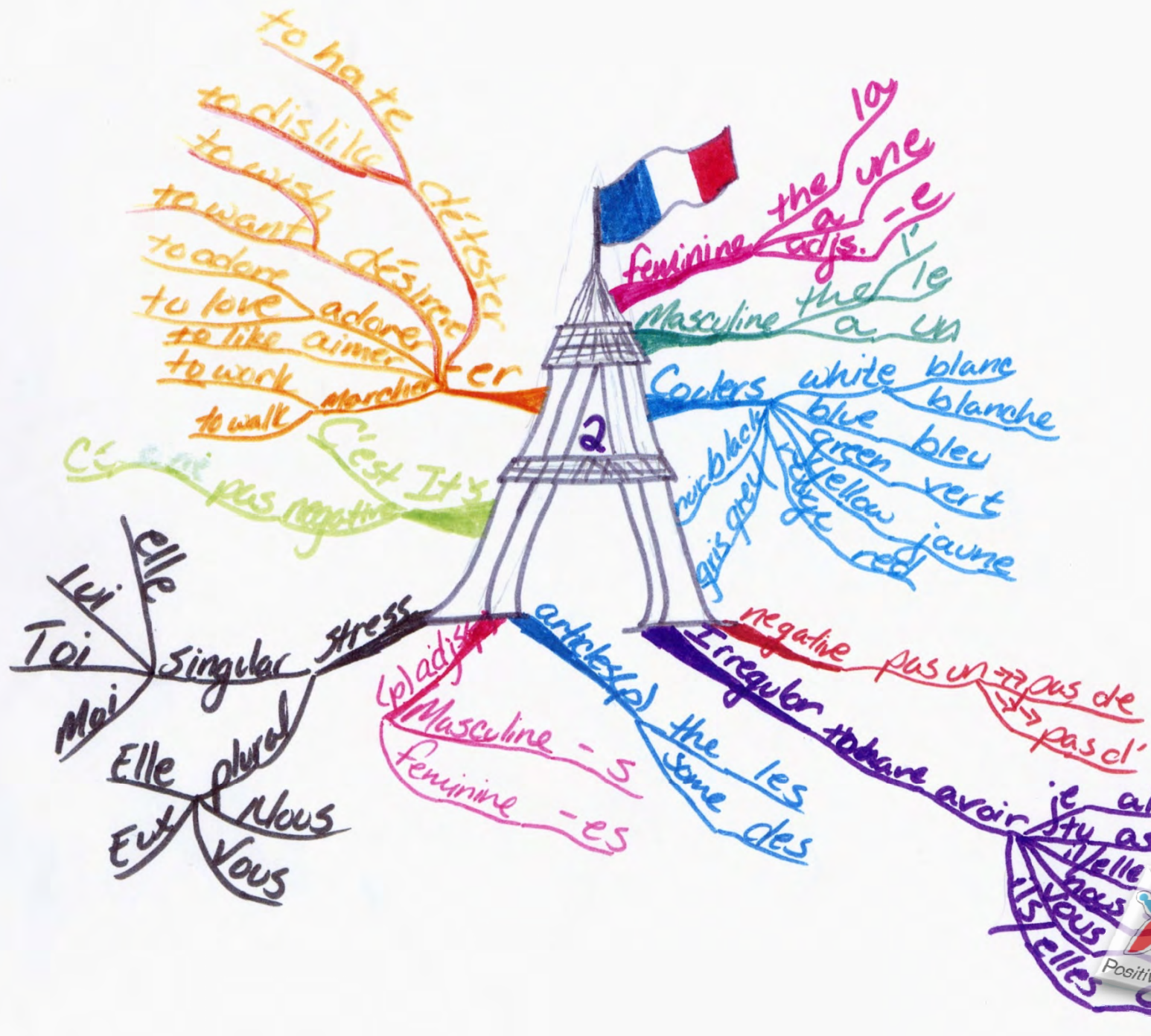


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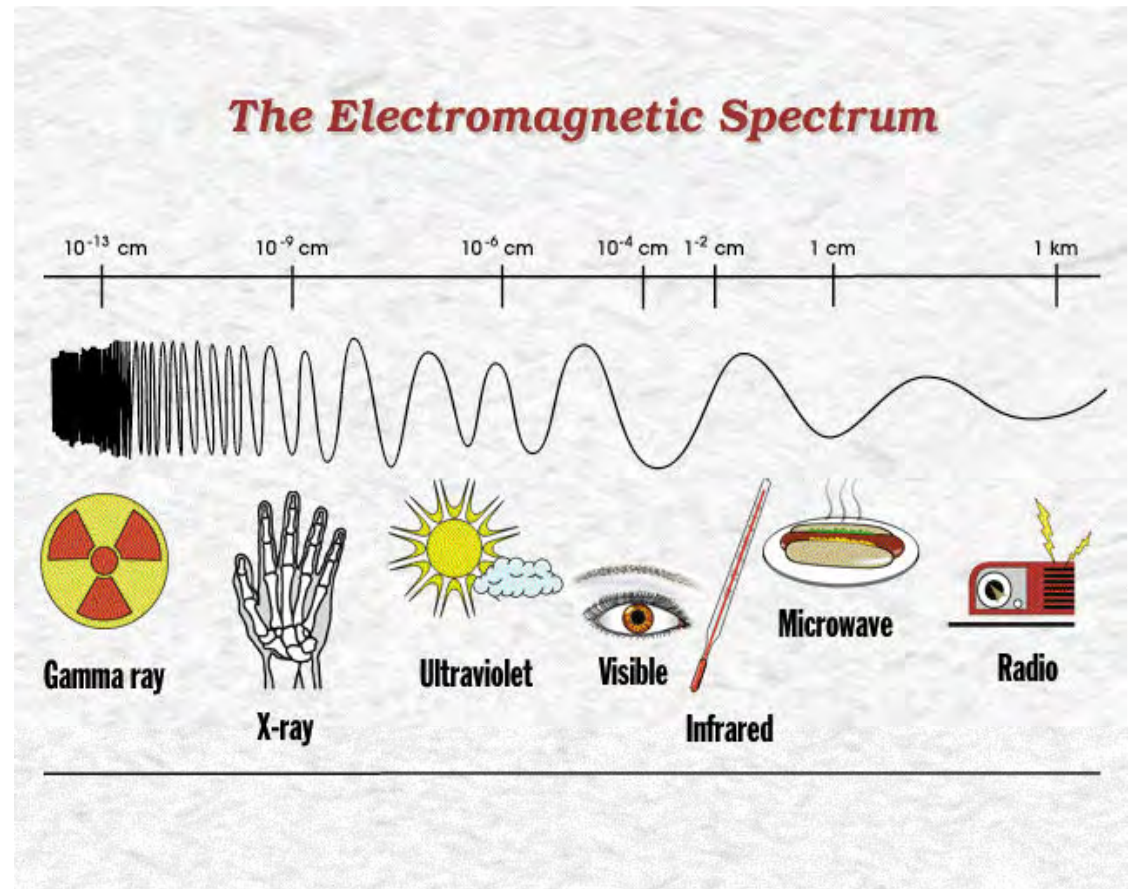








Gamma
Radiation
X-Ray
Ultra-Violet
Visible
Infrared
Microwaves
Radiowaves



Giving **X**-Rays **U**nder
Violence **I**s **M**ega **R**epulsive





The Great Fire of London was
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A London Bakery Burned



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KEY-WORDED CORE FACTS

Topic title _____

Dates for review

Core Question

Facts Total

Ask yourself the core question on these dates, then colour in a star when you remember all the facts:



Learning tool used

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Test Yourself

Dates for review

Ask yourself the core question on these dates, then colour in a star when you remember all the facts!



Core Question

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Core Questions



Mnemonic

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Ripping
Out
Your
Granny's
Brains
Is
Violent

KEY-WORD CORE FACTS

Topic title Colours of the visible
spectrum

Red
Orange
Yellow
Green
Blue
Indigo
Violet

Dates for review

Date 1

Date 2

Date 3

Date 4

Date 5

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Fact Total

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Core Question

What are the colours of
the visible spectrum in
order?



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