

Positively MAD

Inspiring Empowered Learning



Year 8 Study Skills



The Story Method



French Objects

The French for **HORSE** is **CHEVAL**.



Biology

The male part of the plant is called the **STAMEN**



Imagine a group of **MEN** trying to get through the door and you tell them to: “**STAYMEN!**”

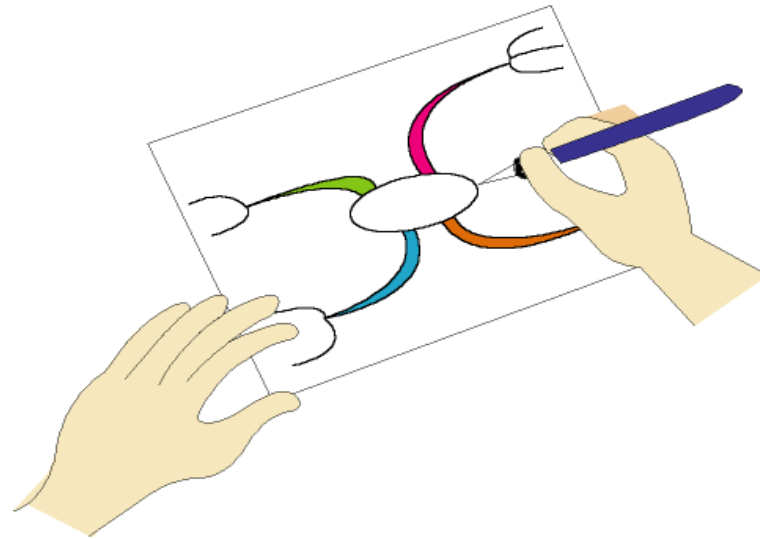
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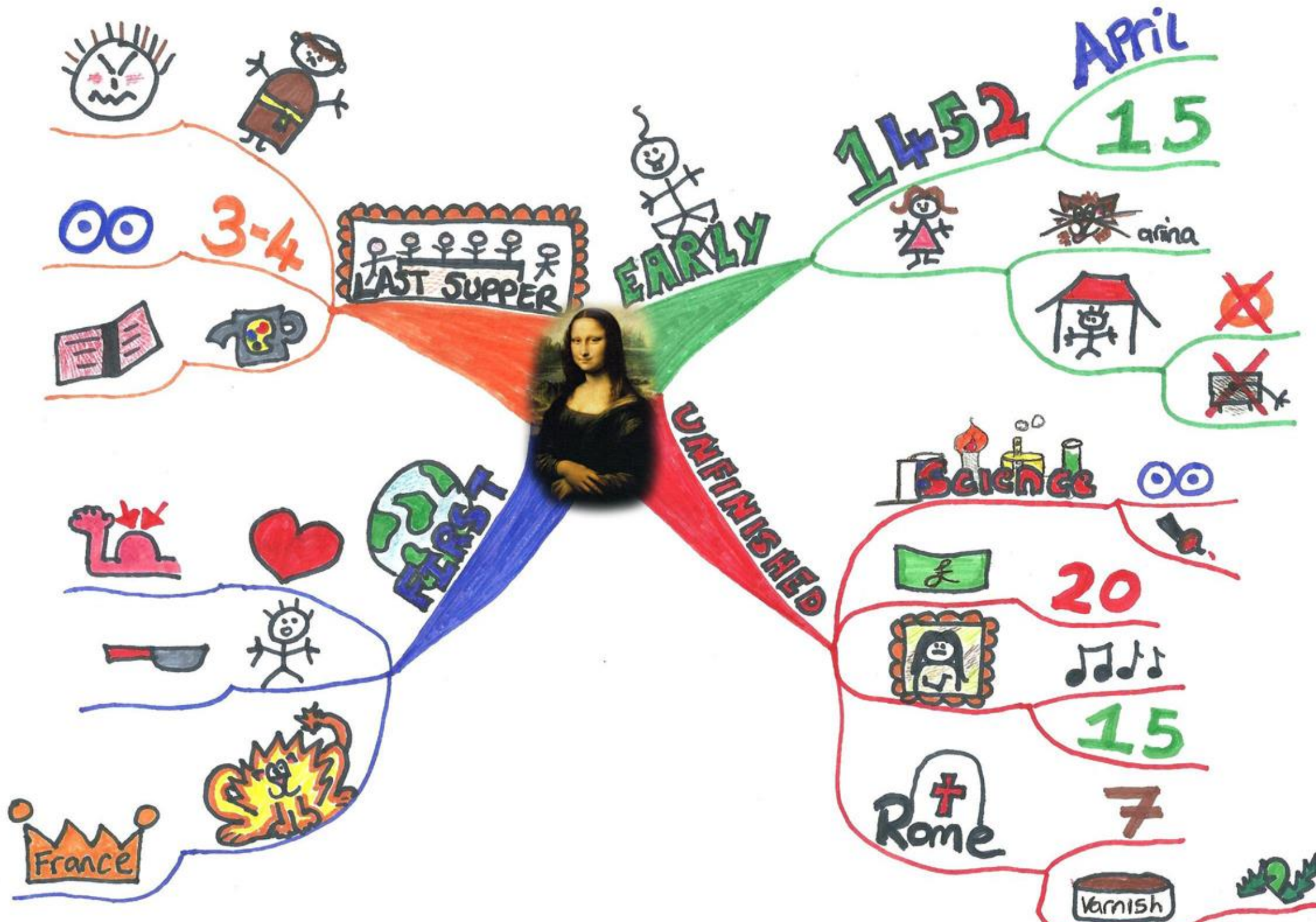
- ❑ We used the Story Method to help us explore how to revise French vocabulary and Science facts.
- ❑ This works well for any of your subjects.
- ❑ When we used actions, **Multi Sensory Learning**, it was even easier for us to remember!



Mind Mapping

The Powerful Brain-Friendly
Thinking Tool





Mind Mapping

- Page is landscape
- Central image
- Sub-topics (Branch)
- Detail (Sub-branch)
- All lines are connected
- One word/picture per branch
- Use colour

Make a note of key words or numbers from your text or data...



Key Words

Leonardo Da Vinci

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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.

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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!

Choose a central image for your title...



Next divide your information into sub categories and colour code...

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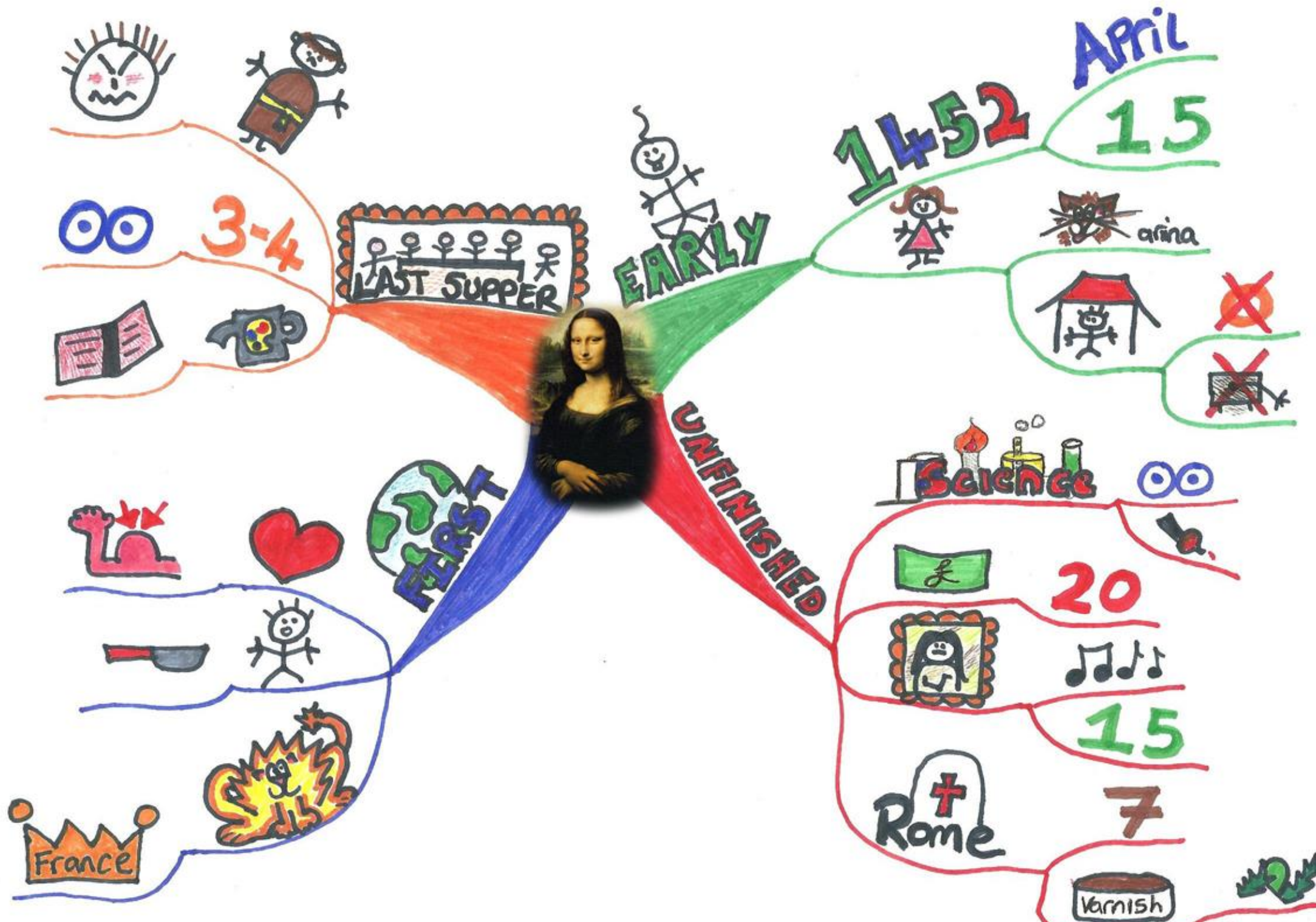
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Add a branch for each subcategory....



Next translate your key words into pictures or symbols and place on the relevant branch....



When to use it?

- Making notes in class
- Revising for exams
- Planning for projects
- Brainstorming ideas
- Prioritising tasks
- Arranging a party

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