Make sure you make notes on the following areas and any others you think will be relevant to clearly convey your stance on Capital Punishment.

Make sure you arrange your notes under key sub-headings (you can use the ones in the table below.) This will make it easier to structure the essay later on.

You cannot copy and paste from the Internet into a Word Document. You must make notes in your jotter as we are practising note-making skills such as identifying and selecting key information, summarising key points etc.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Background to CP:   * When and where it was first used * Why * Key statistics (e.g. number of executions, last execution date in UK etc., crimes punishable by death) * Which countries still have CP and why * Which countries have abolished it, when and why? | Controversy over CP  Sum up main issues/ problems/ concerns about CP  Key Benefits/Advantages of CP  Sum up main benefits/ advantages of CP |
| Case Studies (at least 1) to back up your view  e.g. a person justly executed if you are for CP **or** an execution that went wrong/person later found innocent etc.  You need key facts (who, where, when, what happened, why)  Try to include a quotation from a family member/Human Rights campaigner etc. (you must keep a note of their name, where they’re from, when said and who said to e.g. ‘The Guardian’) | **Your** view/stance:  3-4 key reasons why CP should be allowed/abolished  You must have key facts/specific info. to back up your views. |
| Counter argument  3-4 reasons why CP should be allowed/abolished  You must give key facts/specific points. | Sum up your views on CP. |

The only use of Word is to copy and paste URLs as these are quite long to write down in your jotters. You must keep a note of all resources used where you have taken information (even if this is just a date, a statistic.) If it is a newspaper article, you must take a note of the name of the article, the writer and the date it was originally published for your Bibliography.