

TOK 12 CONCEPTS — QUICK-GLANCE MAP

A Year 2 refresher you can use in every discussion.

HOW WE KNOW



Evidence

What backs this up, and is it trustworthy?



Justification

Why should anyone believe this?



Explanation

Does this actually make sense of the facts?



Certainty

How sure can we be before we stop questioning?



Truth

What counts as “true” here, and who decides?



Objectivity

Can we really remove bias?

WHY IT MATTERS



Perspective

Where is this view coming from?



Culture

What habits, values, or assumptions are shaping this?



Values

What’s being judged as good, bad, right, wrong?



Responsibility

What’s our duty when we know something?



Power

Who controls what’s known and how it’s shared?



Interpretation

How is meaning being shaped?

Legend — How to use this map

Left = Process & Tools of Knowing → how knowledge claims are built and tested (Evidence, Justification, Explanation, Certainty, Truth, Objectivity).
Right = Impacts & Human Context → why knowledge matters and how it’s shaped (Perspective, Culture, Values, Responsibility, Power, Interpretation).
Quick move: Pick 1 from the left + 1 from the right; ask the guiding questions; note a concrete example.