May 2020 TOK essay titles

A little “cookbook” that helps you in making connections between key terms, knowledge claims, opposing claims, knowledge frameworks, WOKs, knowledge questions.

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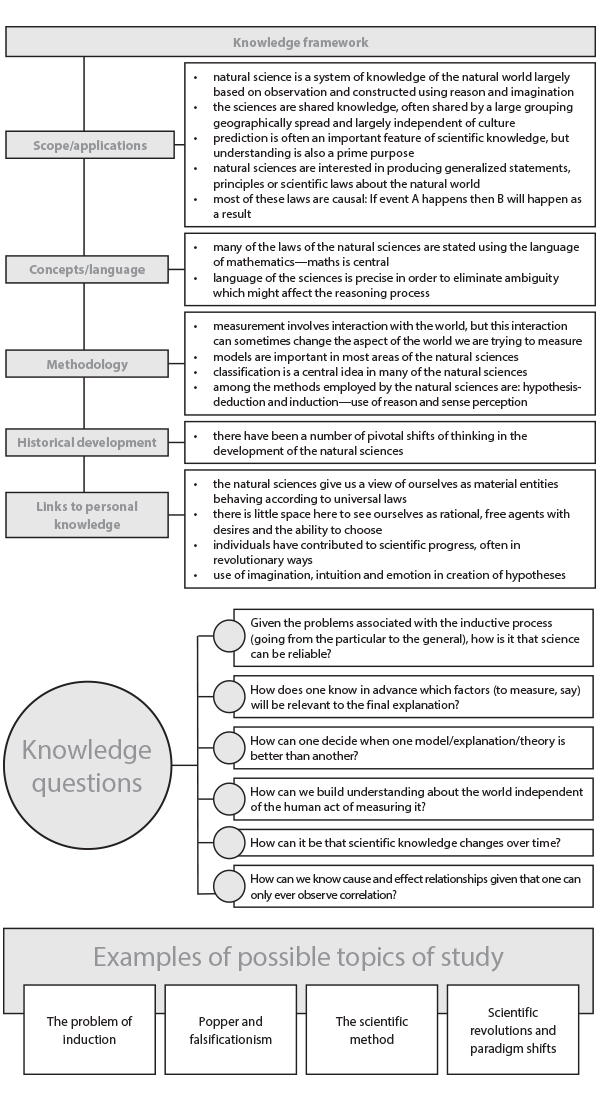
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| Process   1. Choose title 2. Identify key terms 3. Identify the claim made in the title and create the opposing claim 4. Identify relevant part(s) of the knowledge framework, WOKs, and AOK. 5. Identify relevant knowledge questions pertaining to #4 above. 6. Identify perspectives/theories related to #5 above.      1. Ask second order knowledge questions 2. Answer them 3. Conclude | Articulate rich theories of knowledge, reject poor theories of knowledge |

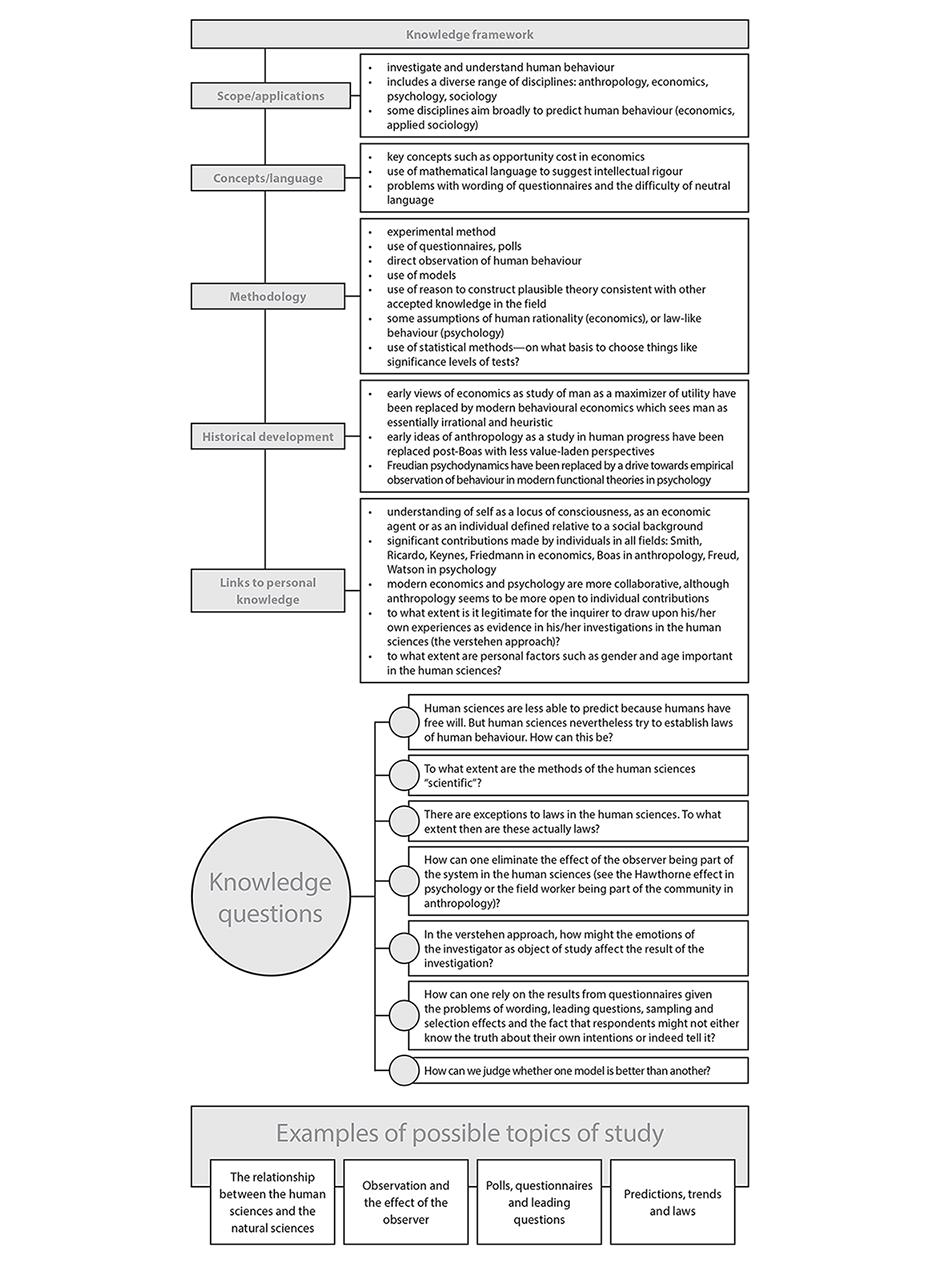
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### Knowledge frameworks

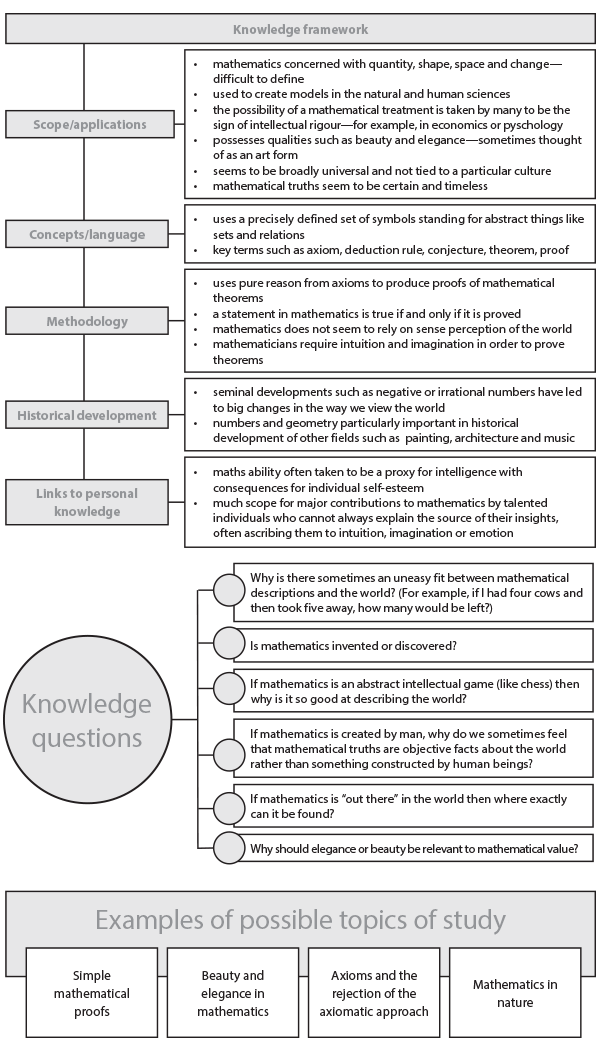
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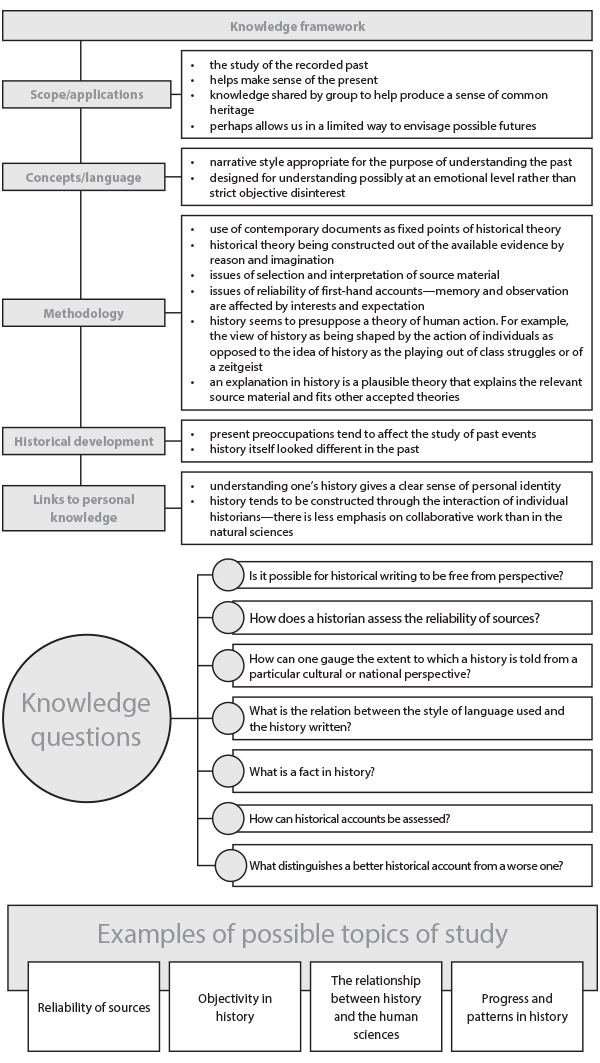
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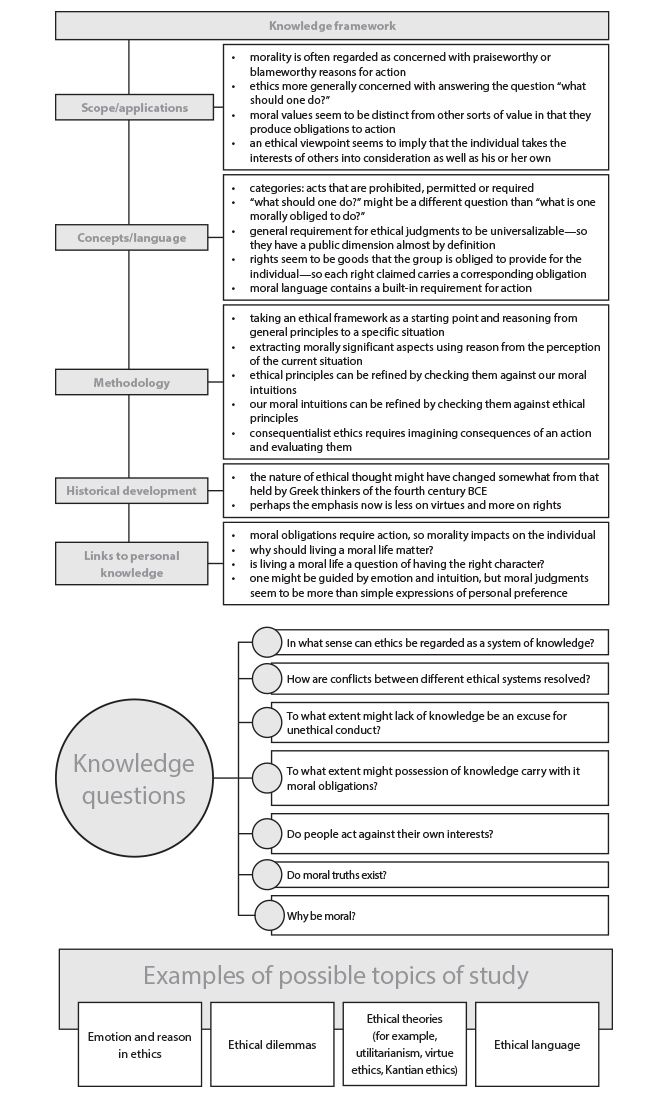
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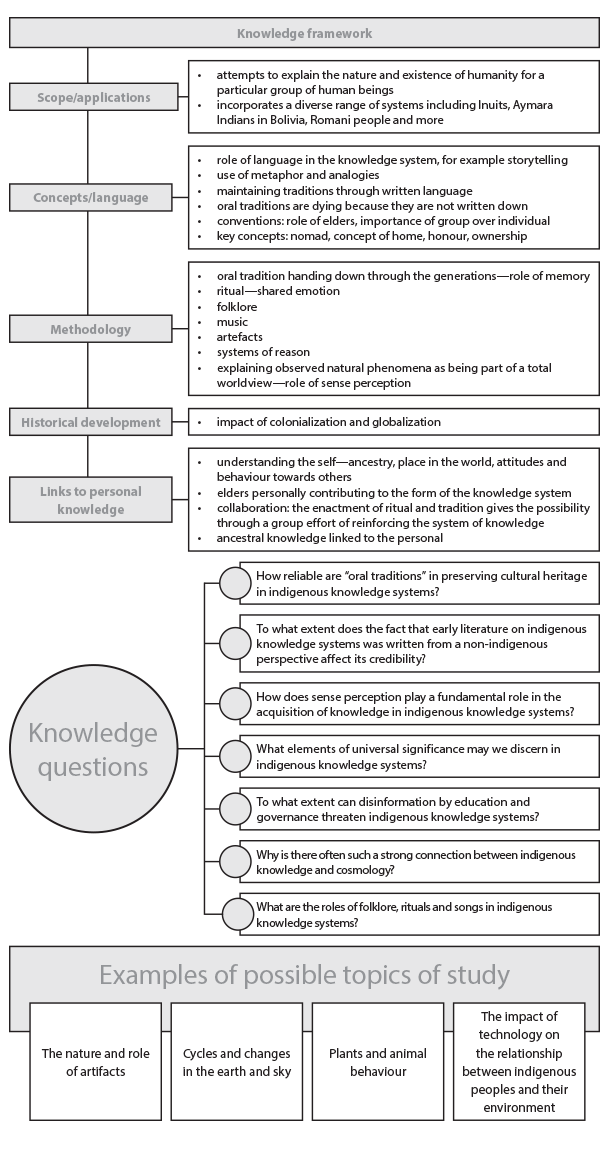
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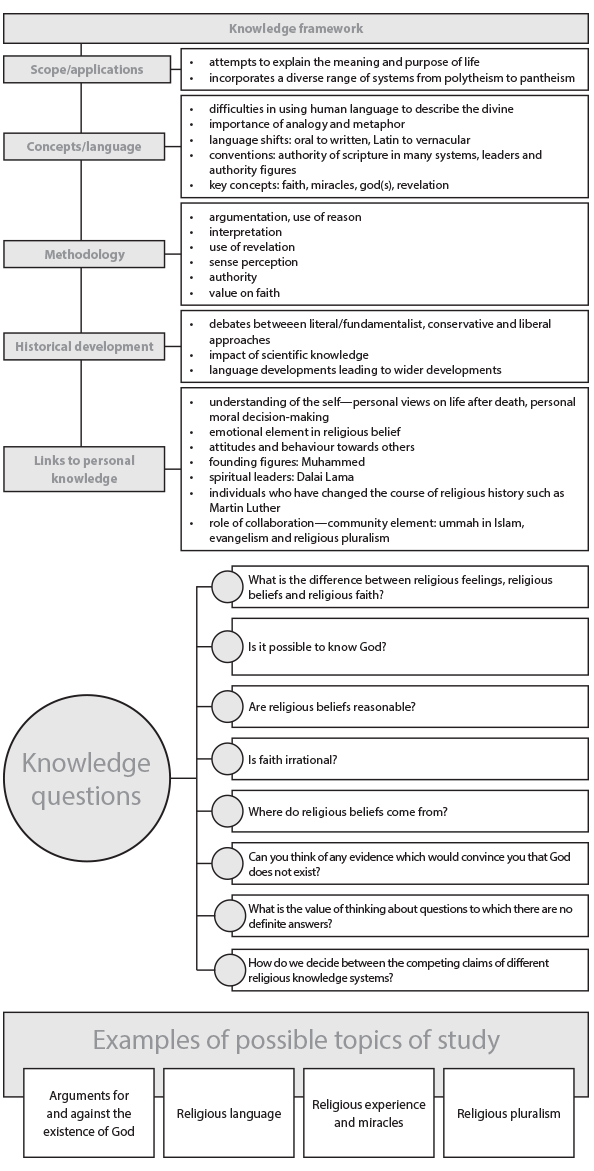
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