

Deeper Learning and Test Taking

Organization and Work Habits

- Attend class and participate in discussions
- Complete daily work and assignments
- Maintain neat and complete notes of all learning activities
- Ask for help and support when needed
- Review class notes weekly which will help increase retention
- Use your agenda to schedule review and study times

Preparing for Studying

- Find a Quiet Place: Avoid distractions! (tv, phone, computer)
- Check notes to ensure that you have all of the information
- Do not cram. Study for shorter times often over several days

What do you do when you run into problems?

- Re-read notes and refer to the text
- Speak to a peer
- Meet with a teacher, ask for resources to support your learning

Ways to Study

- Identify the main ideas/topics in the unit
- Draw pictures, timelines, and diagrams of what you are learning about
- Read, review, summarize, and reflect.
What are the important questions that need to be answered?
- Learn the general concepts first and then go back to study the details
- Read your notes and then write down a summary in your own words, defining important terms (Study Sheet)
- Create an outline/flow chart of your titles and headings to see the “bigger picture”
- Quiz yourself and practice recalling information through flashcards/questions/quizzes
- Review past tests and assignments
- Organize a study group: quizzing and teaching the concepts to others
- Construct mnemonic devices: HOMES = An easy way to remember the five Great Lakes: Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior
Create a saying: **M**ercury, **V**enus, **E**arth, **M**ars, **J**upiter, **S**aturn, **U**ranus, **N**eptune: "My very elegant mother just served us nachos."
- Test yourself to prioritize your studying so that you spend time on the things that you are still learning

Reflect on Studying Strategies

Ask yourself...

1. What worked well?
2. What were the challenges and obstacles that came up?
3. How do I improve?
4. Have I finished my test corrections?