

Miscellaneous Study Tips

Repetition, Repetition, Repetition

Repetition is the name of the game here. The more times that you can repeat information being worked with the better off you are. It also helps to change up how you repeat the information. Simply copying something over and over or reading the same thing over and over probably won't do much good.

Vocabulary Terms

As you read, keep a running list on another page (or even in another spiral notebook) of any important vocabulary terms that you come across (sometimes italicized in our book but not always). These terms may include specific people, groups of people, examples of art, etc. The words you choose to define could also be words that you just don't know the meaning of. Define/describe those terms in your own words on that separate page. If you wait to actually define/describe these terms until you complete the reading then you are forced to go back and repeat what you just read either through recall of information or through a quick scan of your notes and/or reading.

The Power of Summaries

I also suggest that you work to answer the Guiding Reading Questions located in the margins as well to help you apply what you've learned through the reading. You could easily do this on the backside of the notes if you followed the suggestion of only taking notes on the front side of the pages. Once you finish a chapter, reading assignment, or even section it's always a good idea to summarize the main idea of that reading in a short paragraph to further help you process the information. Perhaps include these on the back of the notes pages or even keep a journal of these summaries to reference later. The more opportunities that you have to repeat information and the more ways in which you repeat it the more effective the studying will be.

Additional Resources

Use the backside of your notes to take down additional notes over resources that you come across on the Internet. [Freemanpedia](#) is just one excellent source of information out there. As you read through additional sources and watch videos take notes on the opposite side of the page that relates to the topic from your reading.

Learning Styles

Finally, you might also consider the [type of learner that you are](#) (auditory, visual, kinesthetic/tactile or even a combination of a few of those) and plan your study sessions around your learning style. There are all sorts of learning style inventory surveys online that you could try out to see what your learning style is. Plan your study habits to work with your learning style. What works for an auditory learner might not always work for a visual learner. I'm a visual learner myself so I have to see things before I comprehend them (which is why if you have a question about something in class I usually ask to see what you're working with rather than simply answer your question). I also like to color code information and include images that link to information I'm trying to learn in order to help me master concepts. Use the power of the Internet to find [suggestions for study habits](#) that fit your learning style.

Learning Targets

One thing I haven't mentioned yet was how the learning targets fit in to everything. If you're taking notes as you read and completing summaries of what you learn then you may want to hold off on completing the learning targets for a bit. My thought on this involves perhaps waiting until the weekends to catch up on learning targets as yet another means of repeating content that you're working with in the form of a quick review. Since you've worked extensively with the content throughout each week you may want to simply review the material briefly on the weekend.