

# Strategies For Success

## Study Habits of Highly Effective Students

1. See the Teacher: Many teachers are available before and all are available most days during the tutoring session after school. Go see them before you fall behind.
  - a. Come before school and prepare for that day's lecture by reading the textbook and ask questions.
  - b. Review your homework and ask questions of the problems you don't understand before school.
  - c. At the very least do your homework after school for that day.
  - d. Stay in your last period for at least 20 minutes each day reviewing the material or doing your homework. You should already have all necessary supplies.

Cost: 30 minutes per day

2. Read the Textbook: Read the textbook. Even if the teacher lectures directly out of the textbook, you should be reading the chapter in order to reinforce your learning. Your college professor may do this but the material is difficult to understand so you must read ahead of time.
  - a. Read before you discuss the material in class. Now you will be able to understand more of the lecture. You will also be able to ask better questions. You may even answer a few and impress your teacher.
  - b. Read the section again as you do your homework.

Cost: 15 minutes per day

3. Use the Cornell Method: Used in Social Studies and Science Classes (**SEE ATTACHED**)  
Remember recall questions and summaries? Well, USE IT!  
These notes can easily be turned into a study guide, by writing recall questions. If your teacher gives you a handout of his/her lecture notes write recall questions on that.
  - a. Take notes in class
  - b. Take notes when you read the textbook
  - c. Turn your notes into a study guide by writing recall questions in the left margin.

Cost: 15 minutes per day

4. Do The Homework: Homework is meant to prepare you for class or reinforce what you learned that day. This is important in making your success possible. If you don't do the homework, not only will you not pass the class, but also you won't do well on the exams, or remember anything at the end of the semester.
  - a. Read the textbook.
  - b. Do the HW before you leave school.
  - c. Do the HW at lunch the day before it is due.
  - d. Do most or all of the HW and then review it before school with your teacher.
  - e. Correct your homework if your teacher doesn't.

Cost: Nothing. You should already be doing this

5. Do Better on the Quizzes: The quizzes are an easy way to pick up your grade. They tend to be small amounts of information from the night before. You will need to study in order to do well.
- Look at past quizzes and your lecture notes. Try to find a connection between the two. Does your teacher ask quiz questions about vocabulary words? About headings in the book?
  - Try to predict future questions by using the connection found above.
  - Listen to the lecture topics. Large topics will probably be a quiz question.
  - Study the problems on which you spend a lot of class time.
  - For English classes, take notes as you read. PTD's, Mindmaps. (Genre Lit skills are life skills)

Cost: 30 minutes per week

6. Achieve higher test scores: Tests are the items that separate the men from the boys. You have to prepare for them if you want to succeed.
- You must know when the exam is and begin studying one week before.
  - Begin by studying your notes. Ask someone to test you by asking the recall questions (see Cornell Method above)
  - Practice any computations or problems given during the chapter. Re-do the problems, don't just review them.
  - Go see your teacher before school for any clarifications

Cost: 60 minutes per chapter

7. Read more often: Students that read on their own for enjoyment become better readers. Don't know what to read? Visit the library and ask a librarian or Dr. James.

Cost Benefit Analysis:	Seeing your teacher before school	30 minutes per day
	Reading the textbook	15 minutes per day
	Using the Cornell Method	15 minutes per day
	Doing better on quizzes	30 minutes per week
	Achieving higher test scores	60 minutes per week

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