The Study Cycle



Preview

Skim the chapter

- Note headings and bold text
- Review summaries and chapter objectives
- Write down questions you want answered in class



Attend

Go to class!

- Ask questions
- Take meaningful notes
- Participate in discussions



Review

Within 24 hours

- Re-read your notes
- Identify gaps in comprehension
- Write down any lingering questions



Study

Repetition is key

- Ask why, how, and what if questions
- Try for 3-5 intense study sessions each day
- Review materials over the weekend to reinforce connections



Assess

Periodically perform reality checks

- Are you using study methods that are effective?
- Do you understand the material well enough to teach it to someone else?



Set a Goal

1-2 minutes

Decide what you want to accomplish during this study session.

Study with Focus

30-50 minutes

Interact with the material in active ways.

Reward Yourself

10-15 minutes

Give yourself some time to relax after studying with focus.

Review

5 minutes

Move on from what you just studied and return to your original goal.

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