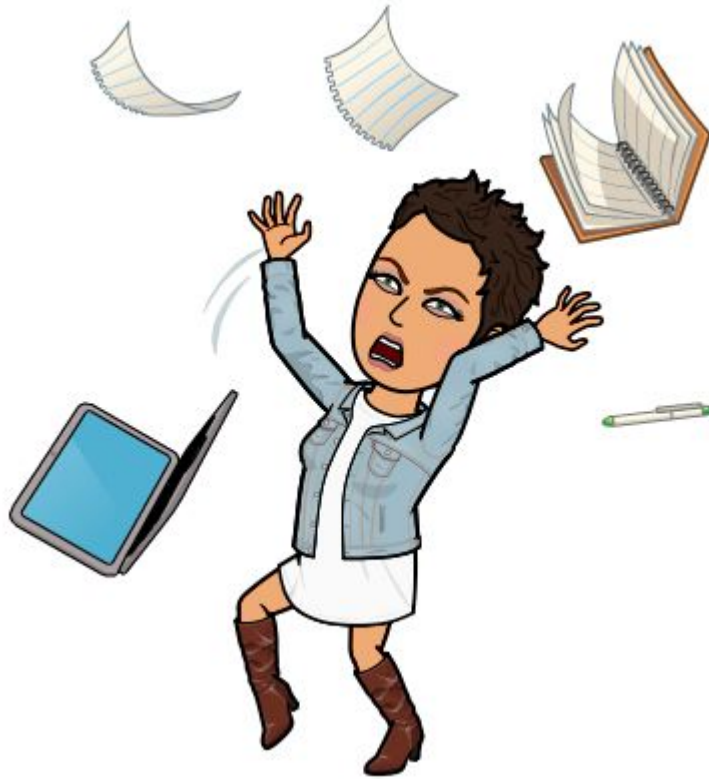




Bootcamp: Study Skills Part 1

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What strategies do you use when you study for a test?

Do you think that reading the textbook is the best way to study?

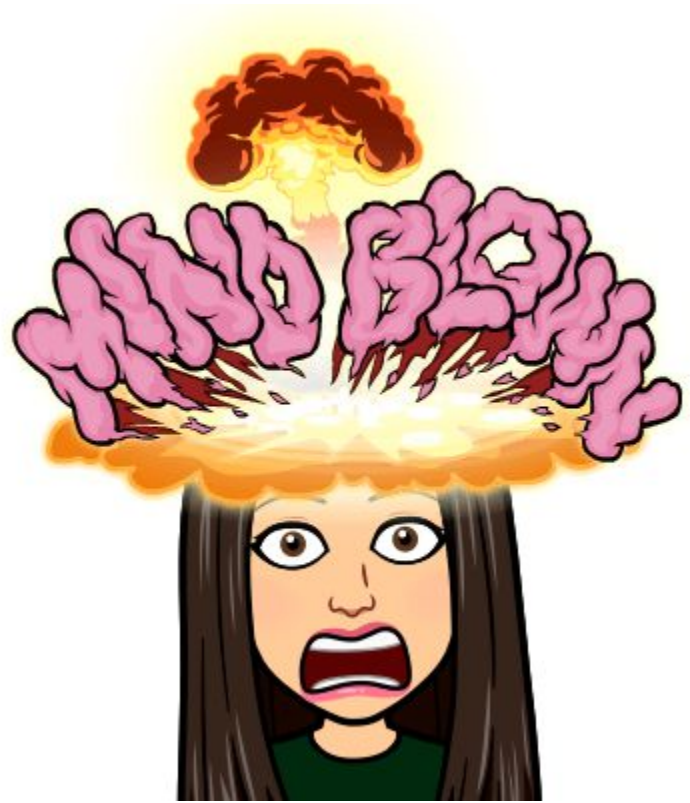
Think again!

So you think just reading is
an effective study method?
Read this!!

We remember

- 10% of what we hear
- 20% of what we read
- 80% of what we see and do

80%!!! That means we need to
do something when we study!!



Effective Study Skills



- Make information meaningful
- Make studying effortful
- Chunking isn't just for peanut butter!



Make Information Meaningful

- All learning starts with prior knowledge. It's the bite-y part of the velcro strip!
- Make connections to the subject.
 - I remember this one time...
 - Once, when I was helping my dad...
 - I saw a rocket at the space museum once...

Make Information Meaningful

Prior knowledge is stuff you already know about a subject.

Let's say you are studying for a test on the American Revolution.

- What do you already know?
- What do you want / need to know?
- (What I learned--fill out after the study session)

K-W-L Chart		
Topic: _____		
What I Know	What I Want to Know	What I Learned

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(seriously--fill this out!)

Cornell Notetaking Method

Cue Column

Notes Column

2.5 Inches

6 Inches

- Main Ideas
- Questions that connect points
- Diagrams
- Study prompts

- Main lecture notes here
- Use concise sentences
- Use shorthand symbols
- Use abbreviations
- Use lists
- Put space between points

When?
After class
During review

When?
During class

Summary Column

- For top level, main ideas
- Use as a quick reference area

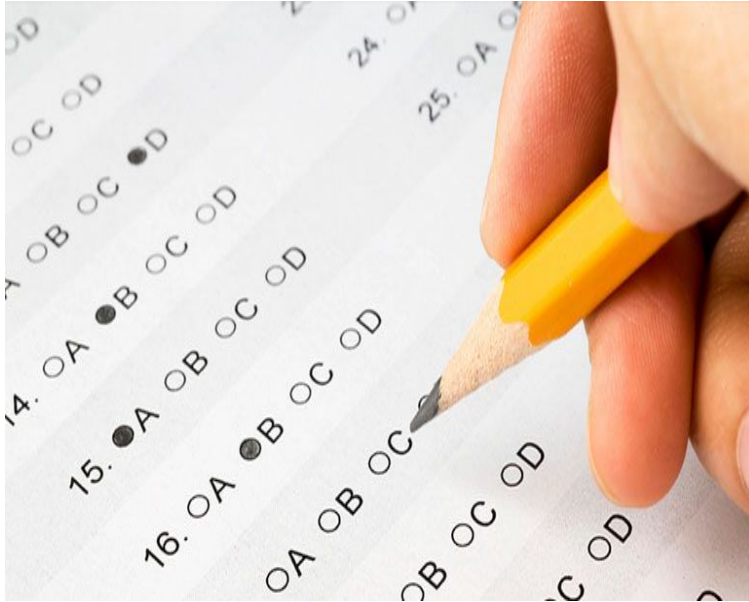
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Studying Should Take Effort!!

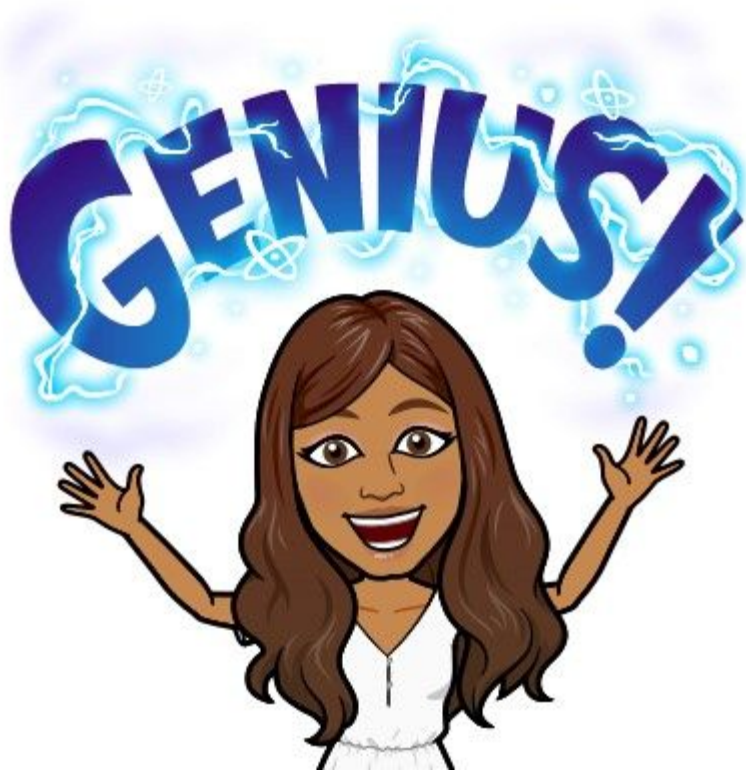
- What do I put in my Cornell Notes?
 - What the teacher writes on the board
 - What the teacher repeats
 - The bold subject headings in your textbook
 - Connect to prior knowledge!

Take Practice Tests



DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP!!!

- Write your own practice tests
- Use the study guides as practice tests
- Use the questions from the left-side of your Cornell notes as tests
- Use the questions in the book as practice tests
- Have a parent or friend quiz you



Take Practice Tests

- Taking a practice test makes the information stick better and improves your real test scores!
- The results of a practice test show you what you need to study more!



Chunking isn't just for peanut butter!

- Group information in logical categories
 - History by events or dates
 - Vocabulary by part of speech, vowel sounds, or meaning
 - Science terms by function



To Be Continued...