The Study Cycle

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Preview before Class

Skim the chapter, note headings and boldface words, review summaries, and chapter objectives, and come up with questions you'd like the lecture to answer for you

2

Attend Class

Go to class! Answer and ask questions and take meaningful notes.

3

Review After Class

As soon after class as possible, read notes, fill in gaps, and note any questions

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Study

Representation is key. Ask questions such as "why", "how", and "what if".

- Intense Study Sessions: 3-5 short sessions per day
- Weekend Review: read notes and material from the week to make connections

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Access Your Learning

Periodically perform reality checks:

- Am I using study methods that are effective?
- Do I understand the material enough to teach it to others?

Intense Study Sessions

1. Set a Goal 1-2 minutes Decide what you want to accomplish in your study session

2. Study with Focus 30-50 minutes Interact with the material - organize, concept map,

summarize, process, re-read, fill-in notes, reflect, etc.

3. Reward Yourself 10-15 minutes Take a break - call a friend, play a short game, get a snack

4. Review 5 minutes Go over what you just studied

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