

Study Guide

Homework:

- Find a study space that allows you to focus and get your work done. This can be a room in the school, the school library, the city library, or a room in your home.
- Figure out what you need to do in a night and how long it will take. Be sure to give yourself the time you need.

Reading:

- Know why you are reading. It is always okay to ask your teacher this.
- If there are questions to answer, look over them before you begin reading the assignment.
- Read the title of the chapter or handout before you begin reading the content.
 - Think about what you already know about the topic based on the title.
- If there are sub headings, read those after you read the title.
 - Based on the sub headings, what do you expect to learn from the reading?
- Annotate as you read.
 - I will teach you how to do this and if I don't, ask me to!
- Always summarize the chapter or sub-section right after you finish reading it.

Writing:

- If it is a free write, don't worry about spelling, grammar or conventions, work on getting your ideas onto the page. You can always start by writing "I don't know what to write."
 - We will go back over it if it needs to be polished.
- Expect to write multiple drafts for structured writing assignments.
 - A rough draft can be a free write.
 - Then, pick out the important ideas and organize them into a logical argument.
 - At the end you can start to worry about spelling and grammar.
- It is always a good idea to turn in a rough draft or expect to get revisions on structured assignments.

Memorization:

- Always do it in bite-sized chunks. We will discuss strategies for memorizing.
 - Bite sized chunks means one word at a time or 5 minutes at a time.
 - Sandwich memorization in between other work.

Be Proactive: when you need help, ask for it!

- Asking can happen in many ways:
 - In an email,
 - You can talk with me before or after class,
 - You can talk with me before or after school,
 - You can ask questions during class.