USING YOUR NOTES TO STUDY

Review them regularly - in different ways

TYPES OF NOTES YOU'VE GATHERED:

Notes you take in class



Notes you take on readings



Notes your teacher provides



WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

PREPARE AN OUTLINE:

- Outlines are effective for consolidating and integrating your notes. Putting together an outline is in itself a way of studying.
 - On a new page, write the topic or concept as the main heading.
 - Scan each set of notes looking for information on the same concept or topic...
 - Write the main ideas, concepts, keywords, and examples in point form. Use subheadings.
 - Use a numbered or lettered list to make it easier to recall details.

Utilitarianism

- I. a theory claiming that the decision that creates the most good for the most people is the most ethical.
- 2. Focuses on consequences and results
- 3. Problems:
 - a) Stealing can be justified if affects more people positively than negatively.
 - b) Doesn't account for ideas like individual rights
- Put a **checkmark** in your original notes when you've added the information to the outline.

Use Your Outline:

- Cover up details and see what you remember. Put an X next to what you had difficulty recalling.
- Identify any gaps in your knowledge. Ask your teacher about them or research the answer. Add them to your outline.

WRITE A SUMMARY:

- Write a paragraph coordinating all the information in your outline into a coherent summary.
- Remember to open with a topic sentence and close with a wrap-up statement.





PREPARING FOR AND TAKING EXAMS

Continued

FORMULATE POTENTIAL EXAM QUESTIONS:

- Prepare test questions and essay questions based on your outline. Use cue words.
- Answer them without looking at your notes.

Write out long answers and answers to essay questions.

who? what? when? where? why? how?

define... describe...

explain... relate...

contrast... compare...

USE MEMORY AIDS:

• Memory aids can be used to remember terms, names, dates or formulas.

Based on your outline, try to create:

• a pattern or a sentence using the first letters of important words

 short rhymes, poems, or songs of key ideas Some People Can Fly!

Piaget's stages of cognitive development:

Sensorimotor Pre-operational, Concrete Operational Formal Operational



CREATE VISUALIZATIONS TO REPRESENT IDEAS:

- Create something visual to represent an idea in your outline.
- Illustrate your outline to assist memorization.
- Use concrete images, such as the chambers of the heart, to label important details.

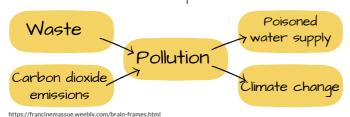


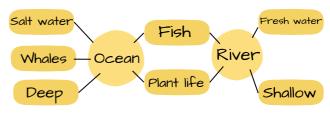
DRAW A CONCEPT OR MIND MAP:

- Take a concept from your outline or a potential essay question.
- Use arrows to relate concepts to other key ideas and details.
- To test yourself, make a mind map without checking your notes.

What are some causes and results of pollution?

Compare rivers and oceans as natural habitats.





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