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Library clerk test study guide

Photo by Rina Pitucci. Welcome back to Mid-Week Meditations, Lifehacker's weekly dip in the pool of stoic wisdom, and a guide to using its waters to think about and improve your life. This week's selection comes from Seneca. In his Moral Letters (88.7), he describes the real lessons we can learn from Homer's The Odyssey: Ask the question: Which regions did Ulysses stray through? instead of trying to prevent us from straying at all times? We have no free time to hear lectures on whether he was sea-tost between Italy and Sicily, or outside our known world (indeed, so long a wandering could not possibly have taken place within the narrow borders); we ourselves encounter storms of mind, which make us lose daily, and our depravity drives us into all the ills that troubled Ulysses. For us there is never lacking the beauty to seduce our eyes, or the enemy to storm us; on this side are wild monsters who enjoy human blood, on that side the treacherous allurements of the ear, and over there is shipwreck and all the varied category of setbacks. Rather, by the example of Ulysses, show me how to love my country, my wife, my father, and how, even after suffering shipwreck, I must sail to these goals, honorably as they are. What it means Cholating and students - from antiquity to this day - toss away trying to figure out and remember all the names, dates and locations of Epic Homer's, but all those details are beside the point. Take a look at this line: Show me earlier, by the example of Ulysses, how I am to love my country, my wife, my father, and how, even after suffering shipwreck, I am to sail to these goals, honorable as they are. G/O Media can get an assignment To Seneca, the real lessons of this story are the moral lessons. I know, surprisingly, right? The Odyssey is not about cyclops monsters, Trojans, or braving stormy seas; it's about love, honor, seduction, hubris and perseverance. When you learn new material, it can be overwhelming when you think about how much time you spend... Read more What to take from It Back at school, teachers may have questioned you about details from a book, lecture, tour, or movie to see if you actually paid attention to the material. It's a system that sometimes works, but it embeds the wrong approach to education in our minds. Instead of focusing on the real lessons of a story – the why – we learned to notice the who, what, when and where instead. We learned to study for the test. It's time to stop that if you haven't already. Most of us are out of school now, and there are no longer tests for us to study for. It's time you learned to study for you. When you book watching movies and seeing plays, look for ways to apply the lessons the characters learn to your own life. Unless you are planning a quiz show winner, there is no need to remember all those little details that don't make you a better person. The independent, trusted guide to online education for over 22 years! Year! ©2020 GetEducated.com; Approved Colleges, LLC All rights reserved The independent, trusted guide to online education for over 22 years! Copyright ©2020 GetEducated.com; Approved Colleges, LLC All rights reserved You just heard that you passed a math test on Friday – the same day as your great history test and weekly quiz on Spanish verbs. Are they crazy? How do you get all your studies done? Don't panic. There are some secrets to studying well. These 5 study tips can help you take tests with confidence. 1. Start studying at school Studying for tests and quizzes actually starts long before you know you have a test. Good study techniques start in the classroom when you take notes. Taking notes is a way to remember what you've learned or read about. Some keys to writing down are writing down facts that a teacher mentions or writes on the board during class. If you miss something, ask your teacher to come with you after class. Keep your notes organized by topic and make sure they are easy to read and revise. This may mean that you need to recopy some notes at home or during a free period while the class is still fresh in your mind. Unfortunately, most schools don't have classes that teach you how to take notes. When it comes to making good notes, it may be some experiment to figure out what works, so don't give up. 2. Plan your study time When you sit down to study, think about how much time you want to spend on each topic. This will keep you from being overwhelmed. If it's Monday, and you have three tests on Friday, find out how much time you need to study between now and then. Then find out how long each topic will last. For example, a weekly Spanish verb test probably won't be as intense as a great history test. So you don't have to put aside as much study time for the Spanish test – and if you split it into a short amount each night, that's even better. Another study technique is called chunking - breaking big subjects into chunks. Let's say you have a history test on World War II. Instead of thinking about studying all of World War II (which might overwhelm even an expert), try breaking your study sessions into 2-year chunks or studying the material through specific battles. Most people can concentrate well for about 45 minutes. After that, you'll probably want to take a short break. If you find yourself distracted and thinking about other things as you study, withdraw your attention. Remind yourself that when you are studying for 45 minutes, you take a 15-minute break. 3. Study Based on the type of test you take Many teachers tell students in advance what the format will be an exam. This can help you tailor how you study. For example, if you know you have multiple choice questions about World War II, you know you need to focus on studying facts and details. But if the exam will include essay questions, you want to think about which topics are most likely to be Then come up with several possible essay topics and use your notes, books, and other reference sources to figure out how to answer questions about those topics. While studying, view your notes and special information from your textbook. Read things about several times as you need, and write all the phrases or thoughts that will help you remember the most important ideas or concepts. When trying to remember dates, names, or other factual information, keep in mind that it usually takes a number of attempts to remember something correctly. That is one of the reasons why it is a good idea to go to study well before a test. Use special memory triggers that the teacher may have suggested or the ones you invent yourself. In the case of math or science problems or comparisons, some practice do problems. Pay special attention to everything the teacher seemed to emphasize in the classroom. (This is where a good note-taking comes in handy!) Some people find it helps to learn what they are studying aloud to an imaginary student. Or work with a study partner and take turns teaching aloud. Another study technique is making flashcards that summarize some of the important facts or concepts. You then use it to check for a test. 4. Resist the urge to postpone It is tempting to postpone studying until the last moment (also known as procrastination). Unfortunately, by the time students get to high school there is so much going on that there is usually no room for procrastination. If you have a procrastination (and who isn't?), one of the best ways to overcome it is by staying organized. After you write test dates and project dates in a calendar, it's hard to ignore them. And sitting down to organize and planning your work really emphasizes how much time things take. Organization makes it harder to postpone. Sometimes people delay studying because they feel overwhelmed by the fact that they are falling behind on things or they just feel really disorganized. Don't let this happen to you. Keep your notes organized, stay up to date on the required readings, and follow the other study tips mentioned above to stay focused and in control. Your teachers will give you lots of notice on important tests so you have enough time to study for the type of exam you will take. But what if you feel overwhelmed by all those things you have to do? Are classes or extracurricular activities limiting your time to study well? Ask your teachers for help in prioritizing. It may be necessary to involve the people responsible for your activities – such as your coach or music or drama teacher – in working out a solution. Don't wait until the last minute to talk to your teachers, or you'll see as a reprieve! And don't be afraid to ask for help. Teachers respect students who are attentive and interested in learning and doing well. 5. Start a study group Sometimes it can be helpful to go through things with people studying for the same test: You make sure your notes are notes and that you understand the subject. Study groups are also useful because you work together to figure out ways to remember concepts and then test each other. For some people who are easily distracted, though, study groups spell disaster because they are off the subject. If you're with a bunch of friends or classmates, you'll spend more time hanging out than actually studying. One way to ensure peace and focus when studying with a group is to study in the library. You'll be forced to keep things more low-key than if you're at someone's kitchen table. In the end, it comes down to what works best for you. If you like to study alone and feel most confident to do it that way, that's great. If you think you want to work in a group, try it out – just be aware of the drawbacks. The payoff When you finish studying, you should feel that you approach the test or quiz with confidence – not necessarily that you get 100% of the answers correctly, but that you have an understanding of the information. Especially, don't panic if you don't remember some facts the night before the test. Even if you've been studying all night, the brain needs time to digest all that information. You'll be surprised by what comes back after bed. Reviewed by: D'Arcy Lyness, PhD Date reviewed: September 2016 2016

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