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My Study Method

By Eric McIntosh

This is my study method, and this is how I study.

One of the most important things about learning is not simply knowing, but also knowing what you do not know and what you do know. I am convinced one of the reasons I do not succeed, if I do not succeed, is that I think I know something when I really do not. I did not know what I do not know. I am convinced that another reason that some people do not succeed is because they are already convinced they cannot learn before they even start. They simply assume the academic people were born that way. With this method, you can be an academically successful person. In just 5 easy days, you can ace the test.

Day 1: Think – I skim the chapter for the main concepts and spend time thinking about the concepts. I ask myself questions like, “What do I already know? What do not I know? What do I need to learn? What do I find interesting/intellectually captivating? Why does this or that happen? What does it mean? Is it important?” I spend the day thinking about the concept. I can do this as I drive to school, sit in class, at work, exercise, eat, or walk around. Any place where you

can think works.

Time: 15 minutes to skim, 1 day to think

Day 2: Read – I read the chapter and take quick notes on what I am reading.

Time: 1 hour approximately (depending on the length of the chapter)—1 day to think.

Day 3: Do – Do the problems. This is important. You can't fully learn unless you do. So many times I think I know something and find out I do not when I do it. So, do it. This is how you check to make sure you have retained what you learned. Even if your teacher did not assign problems, go do some book problems.

Time: At least 1 hour (Depending on how many problems you have)

Day 4: Teach – Go find someone who has no idea what you are talking about and teach them the concepts. If you can teach concepts to someone, that is how you know that you know the subject fully. This is where you learn those things you are unsure about and build confidence in what you are sure about. The person you are teaching will probably ask you questions which serve to enhance your understanding and build a fuller picture of the material.

Time: At least 30 minutes.

Day 5: Ace – Go ace that exam.

Time: Exam Time

Weird things I do: I walk around when I study. I also clean and make food as I study. Sometimes, I dance around the room while listening to music when I study—something about the motion helps me stay awake. If I am sitting down while studying, I tap my feet constantly. I never study for more than 30-45 minutes at a time, so typically reading the chapter takes multiple sessions. I hardly ever listen to the teacher or pay attention in class.

The Method: Split study sessions into multiple days, utilizing all the parts of the VARK (the method to assess student learning preferences and styles), for more thinking to expand the mind.

Spend the time and you will learn. Do the time for the crime. And this crime is escaping that educational drought you've been in all this time and bursting out of the metaphorically jail that is not passing classes. Do not let these classes get in the way of your passions. Be great.

Annotation & Reading Strategies

By Joey Isquierdo



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If you are a freshman and this is your first semester, you might be overwhelmed with reading assignments. You may be wondering how you can possibly retain all of the information that you are reading. One important way to retain and understand college level reading is by annotation. Annotation is simply writing and making notes on the text in order to have a conversation with it. How do you annotate exact-

ly? You write questions on things you do not understand or want to know more about, highlight the main ideas/keywords in each paragraph, summarize each section in your own words, and circle or box unfamiliar words, concepts, or ideas. When annotating and reading, it is important to ask specific questions that better help you understand the text. Here are some questions for you to consider:

What is the author trying to convey or communicate to the audience? What does the author hope to convince me? (This is the author's rhetorical purpose or reason for writing the text) What does the author want me to do after reading the text? These questions and annotation guidelines will help you become a critical thinker, and ultimately, they will help you become a successful college student.

How I Ruined Nicolas Cage's Disneyland Trip

By Seth Craig

"This was the man, the myth, the star of some of my favorite films, and he was in front of me."

Celebrity sightings are a rare occurrence. Like sneaky chameleons with the ability to blend into the environment, celebrities try their hardest to stay low-key around the public so they too can enjoy life outside of work. Sadly, one fateful night, Nicolas Cage's attempt to stay under the radar was foiled by an 11-year-old at Disneyland with a flip phone.

After spending a long day at the park with my dad, I pulled out my flip phone to help pass the time during the grinding walk back to the hotel. All of a sudden, as we were walking down Main Street, my

dad tapped my shoulder and began to whisper my name so as not to attract attention. "Seth, Seth, Nicolas Cage is right behind us," he said as softly as he could. I was in disbelief – thinking to myself that my dad had finally gone off the deep end this time – but to my astonishment, Nicolas Cage was behind us. He was dressed in raggedy work clothes and was sporting a beard to help conceal his identity. This was the man, the myth, the star of some of my favorite films, and I was looking right at him. As I awkwardly stared at him, feeling star struck, I dropped my flip phone. He looked in my direction after hearing the thud the phone made hitting the ground and realized that someone had

seen through his disguise. He looked at me as if I was the antagonist in one of his films, and I looked at him like a star struck 11-year-old with his jacket wrapped around his waist and a cracked flip phone. The staring contest lasted around 8 seconds before park guests who were coming out of the stores realized who he was. All of a sudden, a swarm of people with flashing cameras began to surround him and ask for his autograph. Before realizing what had happened, my dad grabbed me so we could get out the forming crowd's way and headed back to the hotel. I have seen a few other celebrities since that day, but I will always remember how I blew Nicolas Cage's cover at Disneyland.



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WRITE NOW

Joining the Conversation

Couples Costumes



Catherine Weatherly

YES,

What is the most romantic holiday of the year? The answer to this question is obvious: it's Halloween, or as I like to call it, the holiday of couple's costumes.

Couple's costumes are amazing for many reasons. First of all, they can be super creative. Cops and robbers, salt and pepper, and my favorite, Mia Wallace and Vincent Vega from Pulp Fiction are just a few of the classics that are fun ways for people in love to show their Halloween spirit. Another reason to love couple's Halloween costumes is that they are such great conversation starters. Ever seen a "Rosie the Riveter" girl with an "Uncle Sam" guy? Well, when you do, you should say hi, because that couple is awesome. When a couple wears coordinated costumes, they are begging to be talked to, and begging to be congratulated on the strength and eternal endurance of their love. Are you really not going to help fulfill their dreams and aspirations? Furthermore, couples costumes can be extremely witty. For example, "Jay Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan" from The Great Gatsby—but with a twist. Daisy walks around the party all night crying and proclaiming "I've never seen such beautiful shirts!" Come on! How much better, smarter, and classier can it get? I mean, are we even having this debate? Halloween couples costumes forever!

NO,

Couples costumes are the actual worst. From Harley Quinn and the Joker to Danny and Sandy, everyone knows that at least one of those poor souls is being forced to wear a costume that is oppressing creativity and individuality. You think that they went shopping and picked those costumes out together? No, it is more likely that one person overrode the other's costume choice and told said person what to wear. So essentially, it is a form of imprisonment. Besides, the amount of discomfort that others feel when those couples walk into the room is off the charts. But they are not just making people uncomfortable, they are making those who do not have a significant other sad and more aware of their loneliness. How many times are people going to be subjected to a couple making out dressed like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Not only is this gross, but it is degrading to the people and things that they are representing. They take away the value that the people and the items hold and turn them into jokes that people will laugh at for years to come. And that isn't fair, now is it? In conclusion, couples costumes are a symbol of imprisonment, tackiness, and a loss of creativity. So take a stand! Tell your significant other "no!"



Jade Loper

5 Korean Pop Song Recommendations

By Eliana Sosa

Ever since the release of "Gangnam Style," interest in Korean pop (K-pop) has exploded internationally, but this song only scrapes the surface of what the genre has to offer. As a long-time fan of K-pop, here are 5 other songs I recommend you try:

1. "Out of My Mind" – Day6

The only song on here with no music video, this is a simple, mellow, but standout track from Day6's first EP.

2. "Monster" – Exo

Exo is by far one of Korea's most successful groups. This song in particular has become popular for its unique sound and fantastic choreography.

3. "Can't Help Myself" – Eric Nam

An Atlanta native, Eric Nam has a vocal tone that is hard to find in K-pop, and he is well-known for his personality and sense of humor.

4. "Up and Down" – EXID

EXID is known for their quirky music videos and powerful vocals, a combination that aided in their rise in popularity.

5. "Without You" – NCT U

The newest group on this list, NCT U is actually a subunit of a group called NCT. Each subunit contains a different combination of members and performs different styles of music.

TUTORS OF THE MONTH

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the gentle flow of
people’s calmly
stressed motions:
their melodious
sway as they reach
to and fro.”*

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Some words to live by: Fake it ‘til you make it!

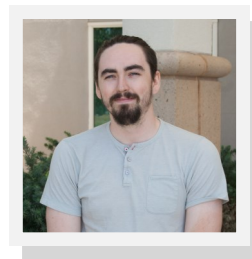
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Some words to live by: If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn’t sit for a month. -Theodore Roosevelt



Inside Scoop

By Kyle McIntosh

Dear Diary,

I wait.

My job is waiting.

I wait for you to get here, wait for your brain to get here, then you finally open me up, show me around, and I wait for you to work it out, wait for you to cheer or sigh, wait for you to get it. I wait to be used, wait to be loved.

I see a strange girl petting the mascot, Nom Nom, over there. I’d pet him too if I could, but I must be here: for you.

You are the only thing that gives me purpose, without you—I sit idly without even a squeak. I do enjoy sitting though.

The anticipation destroys. Click, click. I click in; I click out. I click all about. Actually no,

nuclear bombs destroy, the anticipation burns, but it’s what I live for. Just do it. Just put the flag up I know you wish to call me out of my little cage and allow me to assist you.

Sometimes I feel the gentle flow of people’s calmly stressed motions: their melodious sway as they reach to and fro. Their brains racing in a nonsensical sort of sense, but yet retaining their composure; as if their composure was to search so frantically for the truth.

Eric just walked by. Not sure what people are saying, but I don’t think I look like him: okay, maybe a little.

Other times, I feel my face is being rubbed against the tables, slowly being scrapped off. I need to stay chill. I am chill.

Then there’s this nice tutor named Annica, she

helps me make my mark in the world. That’s nice.

I often feel people just erase everything I try to communicate to them. I guess my work, the real mark I leave, is only to be kept inside: as my scribbles fade away.

It’s not like I have a choice but to be here. This is where I am: this is where I belong.

Then as usual, at the end of the day: they put my cap on me, throw me back in the bucket, and turn all the lights off so my ink can rest. And pray I won’t be dry when the morning comes.

Sincerely,

The Orange Dry Erase
Board Marker

P.S. Diary you’ll have to tell me about you sometime; I feel rude never asking, but you just never seem to have much to say, and yet so much to give.

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WORD OF
THE MONTH BY KARINA ANGOUW

SURFEIT: \ˈsər-fet\

NOUN

1. An overabundant supply; excess.
2. An intemperate or immoderate indulgence in something (as food or drink).
3. Disgust caused by excess.

Example: Since the students had finished their surfeit of math homework, they decided they deserved a surfeit of pizza and ice cream for dinner.

Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

Math It!

By Andrew Valenzuela

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No Soda

By Cesar Sandoval

This spring semester of 2016, I decided to see how long I could go without drinking any soda or sugary beverages. I cut myself down to only drinking water. That was it. The first few weeks were torture; after eating a few slices of pizza, I would find myself reaching into my fridge to pull out a delicious can of Dr. Pepper. It was not even a conscious

decision—it was simply a habit I had developed over the years. Despite how disappointed I was to not pair the two together, I decided to go above and beyond the call of duty and tackle the entire summer without a single can of the substance. After about ten weeks without soda, I could not handle it anymore and ran back to my beverage like a prodigal son returning home to his carbonated father. After taking a swig of what I thought was “the nectar of the gods,” I found myself in disgust.

A burning sensation hit the back of my throat like a freight train. I could not believe I had missed this product so much. Sustaining myself from soda actually made me hate it. I cannot do it anymore. It sucks. So, if was not want to make yourself hate soda, try not drinking any for at least ten weeks. If you are trying to do it for health reasons (unlike myself), try drinking that LaCroix stuff the cool kids like. It is healthy and it will make you younger—I promise.

-The Fellowship of Poets-

Presents

The Metamorphosis

'Twas Halloween night
And all through Death Valley
The monsters were out
For All Hallows Rally.

You see in this town
It's a place full of creatures,
Who dress up as humans
And mock all their features.

The Count family,
A monstrous bunch,
Prepared their new costumes
To debut after lunch.

We have flattie the mummy
And a Frankenstein dad,
They had three kids together
And all three were quite bad.

Eddie's their son
He's quite the vampire
Rapunzel their daughter
A princess to admire.

And don't forget the baby,
A pumpkin named Jack.
And to top off this family
Salem, the black cat.

They'd been planning for weeks
Their costumes to wear.

Who would they dress as?
Who would they scare?

So Hattie decided,
Soccer ball in hand,
To dress as a mom,
And drive a nice van.

And Frank too concluded
To get in on the hoax
He dressed as a dad
And cracked all the jokes.

O angsty Eddie!
Spiked up his long hair
He dressed up in black --
A young man in despair.

Oh fair Rapunzel
Pulled up her long hair,
Threw on some fake glasses
With great hipster flare.

And the little pumpkin
Who cooed with much glee
Shed his pumpkin rind
And became a baby.

After lunch they all headed
To the big monster mash
Where their costumes were judged,
And the winners got cash.

But there was a trouble a brewin'
In the small monster town
A witch named Sabrina
Was about to meltdown.

See, she hated this day
Of costumes and tricks
She would ruin it all
Upon her broomstick.

She cast down some spells
And yelled some mean things.
"You all are dum dums!
You all are ding dings!"

As she waved her wand,
The monsters then changed
Into pieces of candy
For her to exchange.

And to human children
She handed them out
Who ate them all up
Without question or doubt.

Oh tricky is she
Sabrina the witch,
Who murdered the town
Darn that green lady!



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- The Eagles
- The Who
- Van Halen

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