

The Top Ten Exciting Ways to STUDY for a TEST...

1. **Nightly Review:** Spend ten minutes every night looking over your notes.

2. MAKE HEADINGS FOR INFORMATION.

Acid Rain

- waste in the air reacts with moisture.
- moisture collects in large drops.
- hurts industries - lumber and recreation.

3. Ask for or create **PRACTICE QUESTIONS** and do them.

★ **Ask the teacher or look in your text book.**

Look at activities, homework and quizzes you did in class for direction.

4. Make a map to help you remember information.

In example:



5. FIGURE OUT THE 5 W'S (WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN WHY) AND THE 1 H (HOW) FOR ANY CONCEPT, PERSON, OR EVENT.

What: World War II

Where: Europe.

When 1939-1945

Why: Hitler rose to power in Germany, broke the Treaty of Versailles, invaded Poland, ignored France and Germany's ultimatums

Who: Germany, Russia, Italy, Japan, France, Britain, Canada, etc.

How (is this important): Many Jewish people were killed, a lot of soldiers were lost, a nuclear bomb was dropped

6. Chart Important Information.

Explorer	Year	Purpose
Cartier	1534	Discover a passage to the east.
Champlain	1599	Visit West Indies

7. Make Study Cards

- on cue cards make short, point form notes on the subject.
- carry the notes around with you and look at them throughout the days leading to the test.

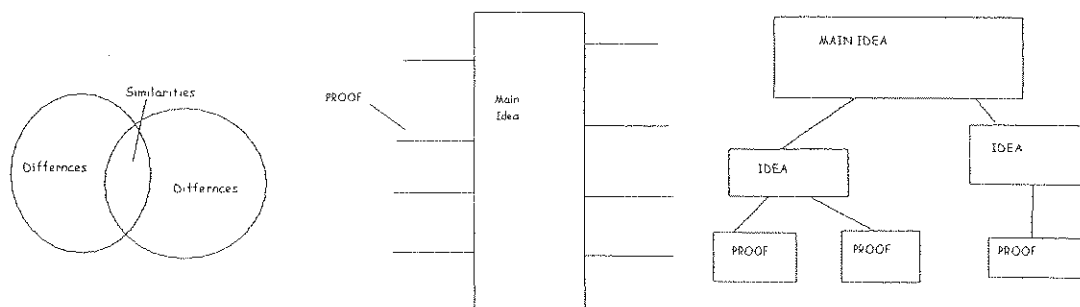
Characters in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
Jem: the brother, arm is broken, saved by Boo Radley.
Scout: narrator of the story, learns a lot about prejudice, growing up and courage.
Atticus: father and lawyer, defends Tom Robinson.
Calpurnia: maid, teaches the kids to write, a mother figure.
Aunt Alexandra: Atticus' sister, thinks family heritage and proper up bringing are very important.

8. Talk to People

- **tell them what you know about the subject and get them to ask you questions.**

- 9. Visualize: Make a picture of the information you are studying in your head.

10. Organize Information into Diagrams.



The TOP TEN Tips for Test Taking

1. Use the TRIAGE METHOD

- look through the test and divide the questions into the following categories
(write the symbol beside each question)

- ☉ PROBABLE - questions you can easily answer
- ✓ POSSIBLE - questions you think you can work out the answer to
- LONG SHOTS- question you have no idea how to answer

ANSWER IN THIS ORDER:

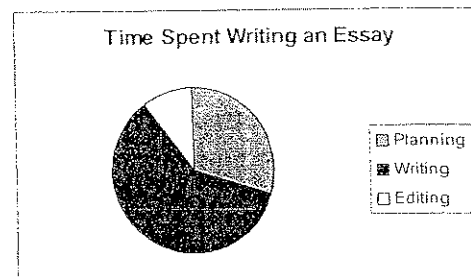
- 1st - PROBABLE
- 2nd - POSSIBLE
- 3rd - LONG SHOTS

2. Be relaxed. The best way to feel relaxed for a test is to BE PREPARED.

3. **REVIEW THE TEST** AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED ATTEMPTING ALL THE QUESTIONS. LOOK FOR SPELLING OR GRAMMATICAL ERRORS AND REVIEW YOUR ANSWERS.

4. Essay Questions

- read the question VERY carefully
- brainstorm and make a quick outline
- write the essay
- read the essay over once you have finished



The break down: 30% planning and thinking, 60% writing and 10% proof reading.

5. Multiple Choice Questions **and Short Answer Questions**

Multiple Choice: Read the question and all possible answers VERY CAREFULLY.
Cross out the wrong answers and pick the BEST ANSWER.

Short Answer Questions:

1. Read the questions carefully.
2. Look at the amount of marks allocated and make sure you have enough evidence in your answer.

6. KNOW 'TEST' WORDS

Compare: How two things are similar and different.

Contrast: To show how two things are different.

Define: Give meaning and example of a concept.

Describe: Explain how something looks or works.

Explain: Give an understanding of how and why of a concept.

List: Give examples in a series.

Summarize: Give the main and important facts about a subject.

Illustrate: Explain using a figure, picture or a concrete example.

Outline: Give a description organized with main ideas and proof.

7. Math Problems

- a) Estimate what the answer might be.
- b) Try and draw a picture to help you understand.
- c) Show all of your work! Even if your answer is wrong you might be on the right track!

8. Underline the most important word and ideas in a question.

Explain why Atticus is a good father.

9. Rewrite the Questions in your own words.

An Example:

Question: Illustrate the daily life of a Canadian family during the Great Depression.

Rewrite: Give many details about the life of a Canadian family during the Great Depression.

10. Sight Passages

Before you read the sight passage READ THE QUESTIONS

This will help you understand and pick out the main idea in what you are reading.