STUDY SKILLS

WORRY

To help me organize information from books and notes.

W ork with both note cards from reading and lecture notes.
  • Get your note cards from a specific reading and the related lecture notes on the same topic.
  • You want to read through the note cards and lecture notes to find main ideas covered in both.
  • Use skimming, or fast reading, to get these main ideas. Look at the left margin and bottom of the pages you took using the Cornell method. Look at the left margin and bottom of the pages you took using Cornell method. Look at the colored note cards you made for the main ideas of the reading.

O utline key points covered in both reading and lecture.
  • Make an outline of the main ideas of the topic based on skimming the note cards from the reading and the lecture notes.
  • As you go through the note cards and lecture notes, write down the main ideas included in both in your outline. If a main idea is included in one but not the other, think about why this is. If you think that the idea is important, then include it in your outline.

R ead your note cards for facts.
  • After you have made your outline of the main ideas, read your note cards again to see where the facts fit in relationship to the main ideas.

R ead lecture notes for facts.
  • Read your lecture notes on the right side of the pages using the Cornell method to see where the facts fit relationship to the main ideas.
  • If there are facts in the lecture notes that you want to memorize, make note cards for them and add them to the note cards you used from the reading.

Y es, you’re ready after one more reading of the outline.
  • At the end of your studying, review your outline one last time to make sure that you have an understanding of the main ideas included in the reading material and lecture notes.
  • For your last reading, read the outline aloud to help remember the overall meaning of the content you are studying.

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