

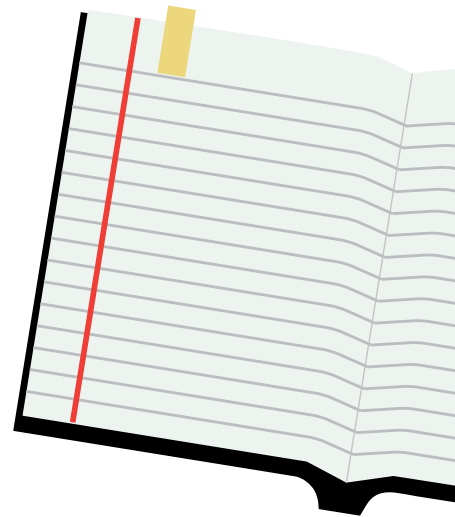
Finals Study Strategy Cheat Sheet

Soft Review Strategies:

Use this time to review the material that you covered in the early months of school. Studying during the soft review weekends should feel easy and relaxed. The goal during this soft review time is to organize your materials and take note of what you remember well and what material needs more attention.

In your binders and notebooks:

- Look at all of the papers from August and September such as notes, handouts, quizzes, and tests
- Scan main headings
- Re-read notes
 - *Read notes aloud to re-acquaint yourself with the material*
- Three-hole punch any loose papers
- Make sure that you have all of your assignments bound in their proper place
 - *Organize your binders in chronological order so that they read like a book to make studying easier later on during the deep study phase*
- Use sticky tabs and mark the first piece of paper that corresponds with each new chapter in your binder so that chapter materials are clearly separated
 - *Write descriptors on the tabs like, "Chapter 1: Cells, Chapter 2: Ecology", to be clear*



In your textbooks:

- Become familiar with how textbook pages correspond with the materials in that class' binder
 - *Scan for big themes, titles, headings, and important pictures and graphics to remind you of what you studied in those months.*
- If you have a physical textbook, mark off the beginning of each chapter with a sticky tab with the name of the chapter so when you're filling out the study guide later, you'll know exactly where each chapter starts and ends



Deep Study Strategies:

It's time to shift gears into deep studying: where the soft review felt relaxed and passive, the week before finals will feel alive and active. You'll feel like there is a fire lit under you and your pencil will be moving a lot. The goal during this deep study time is to commit the material on the study guides to memory so that you can recall it on the exams.

- Hunt for answers and write them down by hand when you find them
 - For each study guide answer you locate, next to the question write down the corresponding textbook page numbers, notes, or handouts for cross-reference
 - Locate the quiz or test that matches each study guide question and write a note next to it saying, "see Ch. 2 test, #15" for cross-reference
- Read questions and answers to yourself and aloud
- Practice asking yourself a question and writing down the answer without looking
- Summarize what you studied aloud or on paper

Creative Study Tips

- Work with a friend or in a small group and share what you've learned
- Recite information in story form with pictures or hand gestures
- Make up a fun jingle or song to help it stick
- Create mnemonic devices and acronyms
- Write out flashcards
- Draw diagrams

