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For the Classroom

Study Skills: Studying Techniques

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important to study? How do you study/prepare for tests?
- What comes to mind when you hear the word “study”? What feelings do you associate with this word?
- Do you think studying can be fun?

Activity: Thinking (and Studying) Outside the Box

Students will demonstrate knowledge of different techniques used to study by creatively presenting information to their classmates.

PROCEDURE

1. Begin this activity by reviewing with students that each of us learns in different ways. There are visual learners who learn by seeing, auditory learners who learn by hearing and tactile learners who learn by feel. You can ask, by a show of hands, who believes they fall into each category – or who believes that they are a combination of the three styles.
2. Knowing that there are different learning styles, remind students that there are infinite ways to study for a test and not all of them are traditional. In fact, some of them can be fun – each playing to the type of learning techniques discussed above. As a class, create a list of study and memorization techniques on the board. Some suggestions include:
 - Create a poem
 - Write a song/rap
 - Create a comic
 - Draw out a story and leave descriptions for others to fill out
 - Make flashcards
 - Use hashtags to emphasize key words
 - Use mnemonics

As a class, review each technique and provide examples.

3. Have students take out (relevant book) and open to (relevant chapter). Explain to students they will each choose a section of the chapter and create a fun way to organize (and learn and memorize) the information covered in that section. They can choose a technique from the board or come up with one of their own.
4. When time is up, have students present their techniques to the class. Students should take notes on each presentation and refer back to these notes when studying for upcoming test.
5. Close lesson with these wrap-up questions. Did students learn new ways to study? Did they enjoy this lesson? What was their favorite technique used today? Will they use these in the future?