



# Creating Study Guides

An excellent study guide isn't just a way to organize information into a single source. Creating them helps with understanding, memorization and internalization of information in the following ways.



## CONDENSE

- Rearrange and rewrite your course notes by concept, paraphrasing and summarizing information
- Use your own language instead of technical jargon
- Organize information in a way that makes sense for you (key points, chronological, concept maps, flashcards, doodles, audio clips, etc.)



## VISUALIZE

- Try to predict what kinds of questions might come up in class or on an exam and find the answers to those questions
- Picture ways that the concepts and ideas you're studying relate with one another using compare/contrast.
- Anticipate ways the ideas and information relate to life outside the classroom.



## CREATE

- Produce your own real-world examples
- Translate ideas and concepts into stories that you can connect to emotionally and recite back to yourself
- Work with a classmate or study group to create materials that will help you see the ideas and information from a different point of view

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