

# STUDY STRATEGIES: A.S.P.I.R.E.

## A.S.P.I.R.E. - A Study System

### **A: Approach/attitude/arrange**

- Approach your studies with a positive attitude
- Arrange your schedule to eliminate distractions

### **S: Select/survey/study!**

- Select a reasonable chunk of material to study
- Survey the headings, graphics, and pre- and post questions to get an overview
- Study, marking any information you don't understand

### **P: Put aside/piece together:**

- Put aside your books and notes
- Piece together what you've studied, either alone, with a study pal or group, and summarize what you understand.

### **I: Inspect/Investigate/inquire/:**

- Inspect what you did not understand.
- Investigate alternative sources of information you can refer to such as textbooks, websites, experts, tutors, etc.
- Inquire from support professionals (academic support, librarians, tutors, teachers, experts,) for assistance

### **R: Reconsider/reflect/relay**

- Reconsider the content:  
If I could speak to the author, what questions would I ask or what criticism would I offer?
- Reflect on the material:  
How can I apply this material to what I am interested in?
- Relay understanding:  
How would I make this information interesting and understandable to other students?

### **E: Evaluate/examine/explore:**

- Evaluate your grades on tests and tasks; look for a pattern
- Examine your process toward improving it
- Explore options with a teacher, support professional, tutor, etc.

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