INTUITIVE LEARNERS

Intuitive learners best understand concepts through innovative methods; they prefer discovering new possibilities, abstractions, connections between ideas, and concepts (Felder & Soloman, n.d., p. 676).

Since intuitive learners prefer learning new concepts over repetition, they may begin an assignment before fully understanding it. Reread the assignment prompt first to ensure success!

STUDY HABITS OVERVIEW

1. **Create impressions and patterns from concepts** – When learning new material, use literary devices like similes and metaphors to grasp new concepts. If you are only given factual information, try to link these facts to theories or interpretations (Felder & Soloman, n.d., p. 2).

2. **Find the best study environments** – Intuitive learners dislike routine, so identifying several different areas to study works better, including coffee shops, libraries, or your home office. Intuitive learners prefer to daydream and think through concepts, so it's best to choose environments that allow for this type of thinking without too much distraction.

3. **Choose effective study materials** – Drawing materials, highlighters, or creative note-taking software can all help add creativity and innovation to studying.

BRAINSTORMING: TREE DIAGRAM

Intuitive learners thrive when they can make connections between abstract ideas and concepts. A tree diagram allows students to create and visually see these connections.

1. First, list the main topic for your assignment towards the bottom of your paper. This will be the main trunk of your tree.
2. Then, draw as many secondary branches as you want from this center trunk. The secondary branches will explore the main ideas or sections of your work.
3. Next, add the third layer; these will contain ideas that belong in each main section.
4. Evaluate your tree. Determine how these branches connect and which are the strongest.
5. Lastly, use the strongest ones as the core sections and main ideas for the assignment.

Note-taking: Big Picture Method

Intuitive learners prefer to learn the big picture first before looking at the details. The big-picture note-taking method allows intuitive learners to combine their love for abstraction with big-picture thinking while grounding these overarching ideas with details. Solution Tree (2019) explains:

1. First, read the material or watch the course lecture.
2. Then, divide your paper into three columns: big picture, supporting details, and reflection.
3. Include a row for each main idea you identified from the course material.
4. In the big picture column, list the overarching idea and include either a picture or symbol that represents this idea.
5. In the supporting details column, break down this big picture. List details about this concept.
6. In the reflections column, record any questions or insight you gained.
7. Repeat this process for each main idea in a new row.

Test-Taking: Key Cards

Key cards are a strong way to prepare for a test! Study the process below to create them effectively.

1. Gather all your notes from the course materials and study guides for that exam.
2. Review the main ideas and concepts from each section.
3. Then, begin to identify and whittle down the information. Your goal is to narrow the main ideas to one 3x5 index card.
4. Write down all of these ideas on your index card.
5. Review the card multiple times before taking the test.