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Note-taking outlining are crucial for students when they move on to college. With instruction and guided practice from elementary on up, students will be better equipped to handle the rapid pace and independent learning required in college.

Please CLICK HERE for more information on sound steps of note-taking Next strategies. month I will include a variety of note-taking strategies that can be taught at all levels. Have a wonderful holiday season!



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The Online College and **Career Readiness** Resource Center is a new suite of tools now available. This has been provided by the Texas Education Agency. There are answer to questions like "What does it mean to be college and career ready?" to "Supporting First-in-Family College Attenders." CLICK HERE to access the tools





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One of the largest problems I have seen with students success in science is that they just do not know how to study efficiently. Science at its core is heavily conceptual, but to get to actual subject matter we first usually have a mound of terminology to conquer! To quickly move through this initial memory based (vocabulary, labeling, etc.) phase of learning nothing beats flashcards! Certainly every student is familiar with this time tested method; however, all too often students do not understand how to make an effective flashcard! Here are some tips:



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CLICK HERE for the latest information and resources for your social studies classroom!



short and sweet – remember "flash"! – If there are a number of notes to associate with a word or picture put them on separate cards.

- Put a question on one side and answers on the other.
- Use only one type of card. – Anything identifiable with the question side other than the question with distract from associating the answer with the question.

There are also free online flashcard applications which can be very useful like Studyblue, Flashcard or Quizlet and there are many more. For some courses I assign flashcard construction as a forcredit assignment for each chapter. Contact me if you would like a copy of the instruction document for this assignment.

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