



# Practical Homework Tips for Success (Relieving the Homework Burden)

## At Home

- 1) **Prioritize** each assignment, and do first things first.
  - a) What's due tomorrow? It needs to be attended to right away.
  - b) What's due later this week? Be sure to give some attention to it before the evening is over.
  - c) What's due later on. If there is no time left over, then this category can be ignored. If there is time, then these things should be last on the list.
  - d) Use an agenda book to record all assignment due dates, quiz and test dates. Be sure to include personal events that should be taken into consideration (i.e. hockey practice) and which might interfere with study requirements.
- 2) Set a **time allotment for each assignment** and do the best you can within the time allowed.
  - a) Do **NOT** spend **all** the time on one assignment and then fail to turn another one in at all.
  - b) Better to have every assignment that must be done attended to somewhat than one done perfectly and another not at all.
- 3) Study time for tests can expand infinitely. (When is it ever enough? One can always do more.) So, **set a time allotment for studying**. Give it your best for 30-40 minutes and then let it go, and leave it with the Lord. You know, God still loves us, even if we get a 'B' instead of an 'A'.
- 4) Do homework where it is most productive.
  - a) Make sure that there is **adequate space and light**.
  - b) Keep the time **free from distractions**. (Doing homework with constant interruptions, or while watching TV or talking on the phone is a waste of time. Having background music, however, may be OK, depending on the individual.)
  - c) Have a study center: with good lighting, and well equipped with a dictionary, calculator, paper, pens, etc.
  - d) Sit in a comfortable chair, at a desk. Don't lie on the bed.
- 5) Study groups are often a good strategy. However, make sure you are using the time to study

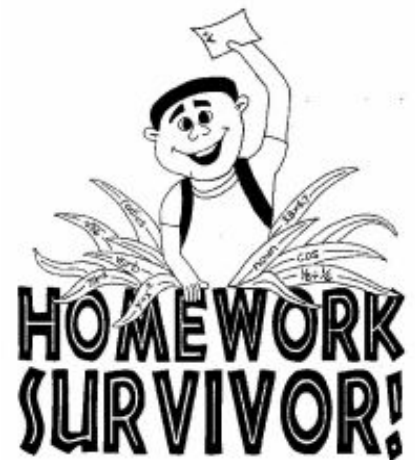
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- 6) Get lots of sleep – at least 8 hours – to make sure you are refreshed for the next day’s lessons. Finish your homework as early as possible to relieve stress.
- 7) Take short, 5 minute breaks to relax your brain.
- 8) Complete homework of your least favourite subject first.
- 9) Keep a file organizer with returned assignments, quizzes and tests. Use these to study from.

### At School

- Get to class on time! You do not want to miss any information!
- Be sure to take pens, pencils, notebooks, and necessary textbooks with you to each class.
- Finish your homework on time. This builds a great reputation with your teachers.
- When other students ask questions, pay attention.
- Feel free to ask your teacher questions before, during, and after class. That's what your teacher is there for!
- As hard as it may be, do not distract yourself or other students.
- Nudge your teacher for hints on what will be on tomorrow's tests/quizzes.
- If you need serious help, do not be afraid to receive assistance before/after school.
- Writing in pen will sustain the readability of your compositions.



**Have a can do attitude.**

**When you feel smart, you will be smart!**

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