

# Study Strategies

## A. What to know BEFORE you start studying:

1. Content (e.g. chapters, sections, units, etc.)
2. Themes / Concepts: Remember that APWH class doesn't emphasize names and dates, as much as it does a broad understanding of themes and concepts. Some things to think about:
  - a) How do the APWH themes apply to the content?
  - b) What defines a particular time period?
  - c) What factors contributed to the events of a particular period?
  - d) How do things change or stay the same within a time period, or across time periods?
  - e) Causes and effects, comparisons, etc.
3. Test format (question type, length, time limit, etc.)

## B. What should you study?

1. Notes – class, reading, etc.
2. Textbook review sections
3. Compile a master list/guide of key terms and definitions, examples, main ideas, etc.

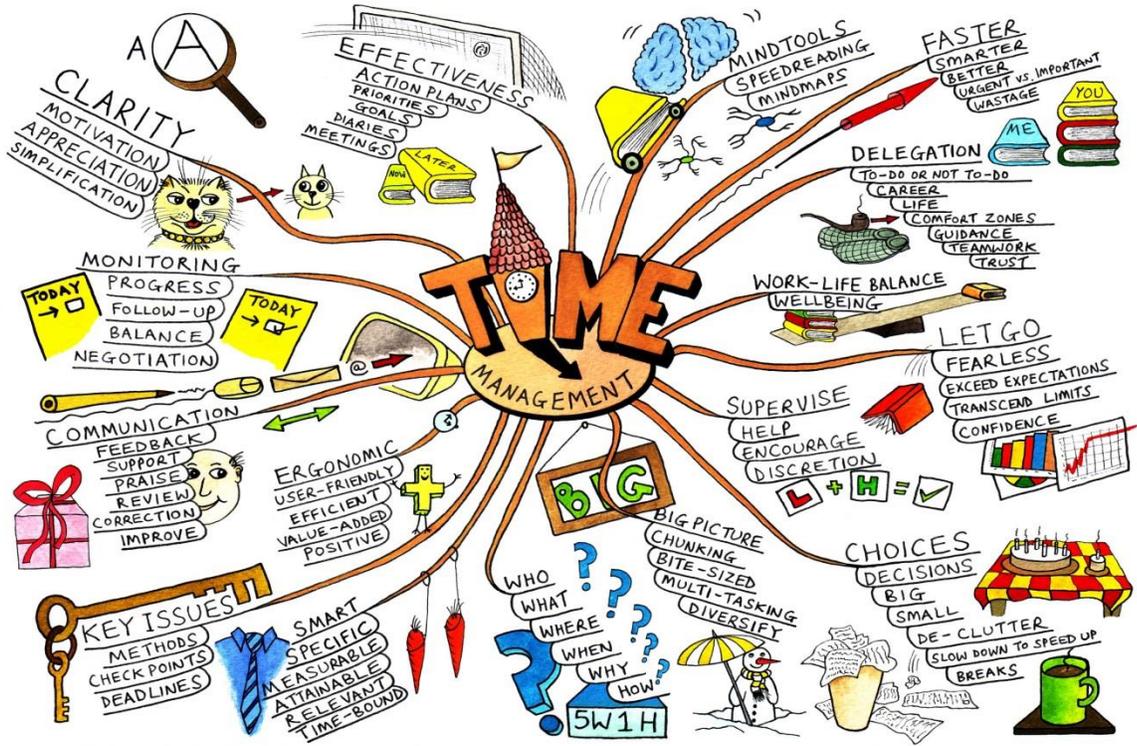
## C. Study Strategies (samples on the back of this sheet)

1. **Concept map / Mind map:** Main topic with related ideas radiating from center; good for categorizing and organizing information into themes. From the different bubbles, you can create practice questions!
2. **Matrix/Comparison Chart:** Shows relationships between multiple topics and ideas, common themes within each topic
3. **Sequence/Timeline/Flowchart:** Chronological organizing, steps, phases, and events
4. **Hierarchy:** Information organized into levels based on comparative importance
5. **Diagram:** Representation of parts of something/components of a whole
6. **Flash cards** (use sparingly)
7. **Study guide:** Sometimes provided by your teacher, but ALWAYS something you can create yourself
8. **Practice questions:** Do the practice questions in your textbook!
9. **Study group**
  - a) Keep it small, 3-4 people
  - b) Meet at least once a week, EVERY WEEK – at the same time and same place – consistency is crucial

## D. Other Study Strategies and Tips

1. Studying is NOT reading your notes or reviewing the textbook! You need to ACTIVELY study!
2. Rewrite your notes into one or more of the strategies listed above
3. Write (AND ANSWER) practice questions
4. Teach a friend
5. Quiz people in your study group
6. Studying is an ACTIVE process!
7. Use additional resources: handouts, office hours

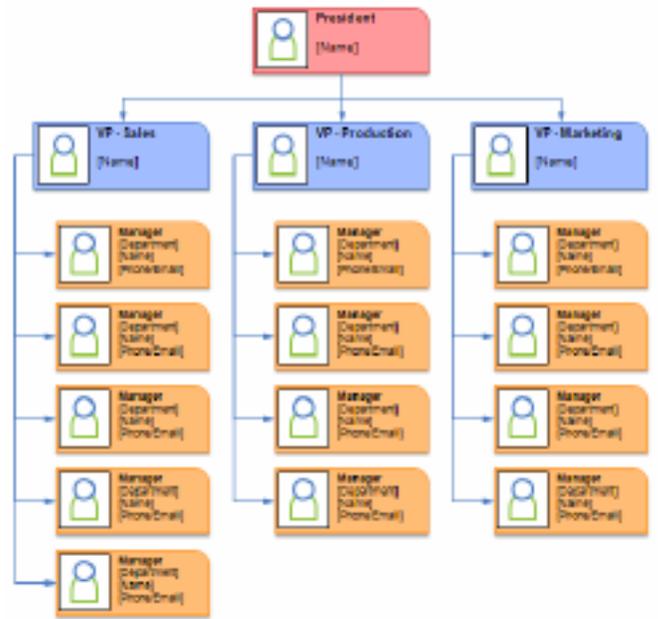
**Sample Concept Map/Mind Map:**



**Sample Sequence/Timeline/Flowchart:**



**Sample Hierarchy:**



**Sample Matrix/Comparison Chart:**

	Athens	Sparta
Children		
Education		