

### **USE SEVERAL APPROACHES**

- Incorporate multiple learning styles
- Get creative
- Make personal connections with material

# PRACTICE THE WAY YOU WILL BE TESTED

- Study/do homework under timed conditions
- Develop a "game-plan"
- Predict exam questions
  - think about "monster problems"

# **MANAGE YOUR TIME**

- Don't wait for the study guide
- Make a plan and do your best to stick with it
- Say NO!!!
  - Studies show that we overestimate the time we have available in the future



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# REVIEW OLD INFORMATION, THEN ADD NEW

- Activate prior knowledge
- Make connections between old and new info
- Repetition is key to getting information into long term memory



# EXAMSTYLES



#### **MULTIPLE CHOICE PREPARATION:**

- Study similar concepts together (similar sounding, closely related, easily confused)
- Study from concept to example or vice versa
- Minimal verbiage on study tool to force recall
- Prepare for application style exam questions
- Study similar items together (they will most likely end up as answer options)

## **PROBLEM SOLVING PREPARATION:**

- Figure out time to question ratio on past exams and work under that ratio when doing homework and review
- Practice daily
- Practice setting problems up –especially from word problems
- Develop a set of steps and follow them each time you practice

## **WRITING EXAMPREPARATION:**

- Study like concepts together
- Practice responding to prompts by creating outlines (thesis and key points)
- Learn concepts with examples as you study
- When possible use charts and graphs to visualize relationships across material



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