
Student Success \ Learning and Memory

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Learning & Recall: Making Connections

SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE

- Is there a larger pattern to the information?
- See how the details can fit into the big picture.

LOOK FOR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CONCEPTS

- Other important concepts
- Past readings
- Past notes
- etc.

LOOK FOR MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

- What are the connections?
- Why and how they are connected?

AS YOU LINK THE CONCEPTS, THINK OF EXAM QUESTIONS THAT TEST YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCEPTS

- Hint: what questions would your instructor ask? Look to the course learning outcomes/objectives.

CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING AS YOU MAKE CONNECTIONS

- Think calmly, clearly and logically.
- Avoid sluggish, slow, sloppy, and distracted thinking.
- Constructive thinking is a powerful tool for exam preparation.