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Real Talk: Are You Studying For Finals?

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Finals are coming already, MereCo,
But for studying tips, where on earth can you go?
With tips from the Herald you'll be well-prepared—
So when tests come you won't be all nervous and scared.
If you're taking Lit Surveys, here's what you should do:
Make a list of the works that you've read; authors, too.
By your newly-made list, add some points from the works,
Like plot twists or some of the authors' weird quirks.
For Spanish, Italian, French or Chinese,
Write words down, and on test-day, they'll come back with ease.
Good flashcards and eight-column notes are the best,
And write conjugations to prep for the test!
For History class, make timelines of events.
Next to the points, write their significance.
Remembering dates can be hard, so to pass,
Ask professors which ones have been mentioned in class.
Science and math can require some skill;
Do problems to practice if you've time to kill.
Working in groups can be good for that, too;
Other folks can explain things in new ways for you.

Education and Psych could use flashcards as well;
Who was that guy with the dogs and the bell?
Business and Econ have math and vocab;
If you haven't tried Quizlet, then give it a stab.
Chunking is helpful; mnemonics are good;
Snacks are recommended, so eat healthy food!
Study prior to Reading Day; you'll be in heaven
When all you have left is Pancakes at Eleven—
So get ahead now, don't let time go to waste;
No one likes trying to study in haste.
Then, get some good sleep; don't make yourself cram.
Wake up confident, and go knock out your exam!
From the Meredith Herald, and from me to you,
We wish you all luck, and we bid you adieu.

Did we miss a study tip you'd like to add? Do you have an idea for a few lines about studying for your major? Would you like to analyze our poem's meter to study for the scansion section of your English exam? Email us at herald@meredith.edu.

Christmas for the Broke College Student

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Christmas is right around the corner, and if you are financially impaired like most other college students, these tips can turn this costly holiday into an affordable dream.

Cut the gift giving

First, cut the Christmas gifts this year. Instead of plying friends and loved ones with material gifts, give them the gift of your company. Most of the time, all your grandparents really want from you is perhaps a card and call telling how much you love them.

Christmas IOUs

Everyone knows gifts are overpriced during the holiday season, so instead of giving out pricey gifts, make a nice IOU slip. You can even decorate it with your favorite holiday flare. When December passes and January has begun, go cash in those IOUs and get nice, expensive gifts at half the price.

Online shopping is the way to go

To really reap the benefits of low online prices, start shopping now. This way, you know that your gifts will arrive on time, and the shipping and handling fee won't be gauged for the holiday season.

Kids won't know the difference

The wonderful thing about children is that they are still oblivious to the differences between name-brand and off-brand toys. If little Johnny wants a race car for Christmas, you have the option of bypassing Toys 'R' Us and heading to your nearest discount retailer. Not only will it most likely have the toy, but it may have a similar one that is off-brand and half-priced.

Get Creative

Most of the time, buying an underrated gift can be just as good as a popular one. Gas cards may seem boring, but it never hurts to have one to help fill up the tank.

You might also consider taking a trip to an A.C. Moore's or Michael's and scoping out knick-knack gifts for kids, trinkets for family and friends, or decorative pieces that can be used as a gift for the family. These items aren't seasonal, and the prices are consistently low.

If you are stressing about what to do for Christmas this year and you are financially impaired, these few tips can spark ideas that will make this holiday season a more enjoyable time.

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