



OPEN YOUR BOOK OPEN YOUR MIND

TIPS FOR OPEN-BOOK TESTING

Many students do worse on open book tests because they figure they can relax- they've got their book with them! However, most instructors make open-book tests even harder than regular tests. Don't slack on studying up!

Familiarize yourself with the book. Studying from your notes and the lecture isn't going to help if you don't know where to find the information you're looking for in your textbook quickly! Pay attention to how much time you have!

If you're allowed, write down all the important formulas and key information on a separate sheet so you don't have to search through your book for it. Sometimes instructors will let you have your notes with open book tests!

Bring all of the resources your professor allows, not just your textbook- other books, rulers, calculators, notes, extra pens/pencils, flash cards, stencils—whatever you're allowed, bring it!

Before the test, go through your book and highlight important points, make notations and use post-its. This will make it easier for you to find the information you need during the test and save you stress while looking!

Answer the easy questions that you know off the top of your head first. Anything you don't need your book to look up, answer first and mark the others. Go back with your book after that so you can go for only what you need.

What do you study for an open book test? The main ideas. Focus on understanding the main ideas and concepts and knowing where they're located in the book—the details will be at your fingertips if you know that.

If you're writing an essay during the test, you can use quotations from the book to support your point of view. Be careful not to overquote because it should still be 95% your words. Always cite quotations so you don't plagiarize.