

Making a “Cheat” Sheet

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1 Goals

The goals of this activity are:

1. To give students an opportunity to recall the concepts introduced in class thus far.
2. To give students practice with making “cheat” sheets.

2 Materials

For this activity you will need a sheet of blank paper for every student.

3 Instructions

This activity will take approximately 40 minutes.

1. Explain the goals of the activity to students.
2. Explain what a “cheat” sheet is and ask students to make one with all the material covered in class so far.
3. After students finish making their “cheat” sheets, ask them to talk to each other. Did they have something on their sheet somebody else missed or vice versa?

4 Tips

1. Students can do this activity while you are not in the classroom. Thus, it is ideal to do this when you are having one-on-one interviews with students.

Here are some tips you can give students on how they can make a good “cheat” sheet:

1. Ensure you organize your ideas. For example, make sections for each chapter in the book, or for each concept. Or create a section with notation and definitions.
2. Be concise and precise.
3. Colour coding the “cheat” sheet might be useful. Diagrams might be useful.