

GET IT DONE!

Tips for doing homework

Materials: Worksheet copies, template copies, pens or pencils, timer

Directions: Read the worksheet, complete the activity and discuss as a group.

It's a beautiful afternoon for biking...
A friend invited you to the mall...
The dog needs brushing...

It's easy to make excuses why *NOT* to do homework, isn't it?

But homework is an important part of learning. Homework is practice in retaining knowledge.

Teachers don't assign homework just so they'll have something to grade. They assign it to reinforce the concepts they've taught.

Let's read a few tips on completing homework assignments. Then, we'll apply those tips to two activity scenarios.



HOMework TIPS

- Write down assignments to ensure you don't forget what to do.
- Mark your calendar with assignments and projects due farther out.
- Set aside a specific time every day to complete homework.
- Finish your homework before doing other activities.
- Ask the teacher for clarification if you don't understand an assignment.
- If your school offers tutoring, take advantage of it.
- Ask a family member or friend for help.
- Always complete and turn in assignments on time.
- Ask the teacher how to improve your work.

STEP ONE

On the template, read each scenario. Using the homework tips, write various ways to complete the homework assignment below each scenario. You'll have 8 minutes to write.

(Set the timer for 8 minutes.)

STEP TWO

When the timer sounds, let's share how we'd handle each scenario. How will you apply the homework tips in the future?



HOMEWORK TIPS: COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS

Scenario 1: On Monday, Jane is given an assignment to do research and write an essay on a famous inventor. The assignment is due in one week, but Jane will be out of town over the weekend.

Write a detailed response on what you think Jane should do to complete the assignment on time.

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Scenario 2: John returns from the office and realizes the teacher assigned homework due tomorrow, but he missed it. The assignment is on geometry, his worst subject.

Write a detailed response on what you think John should do to complete the assignment on time.

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