Active Reading and Listening

Come to this workshop to learn some strategies to get more out of your classes. Bring at least one of your textbooks with you and your notebooks that you use to take notes in class. We'll discuss how to save time and energy and improve your efficiency as a student. A very practical workshop, indeed!

Oh my gosh, sounds so dull

That's the key to active listening: staying active and alert in class

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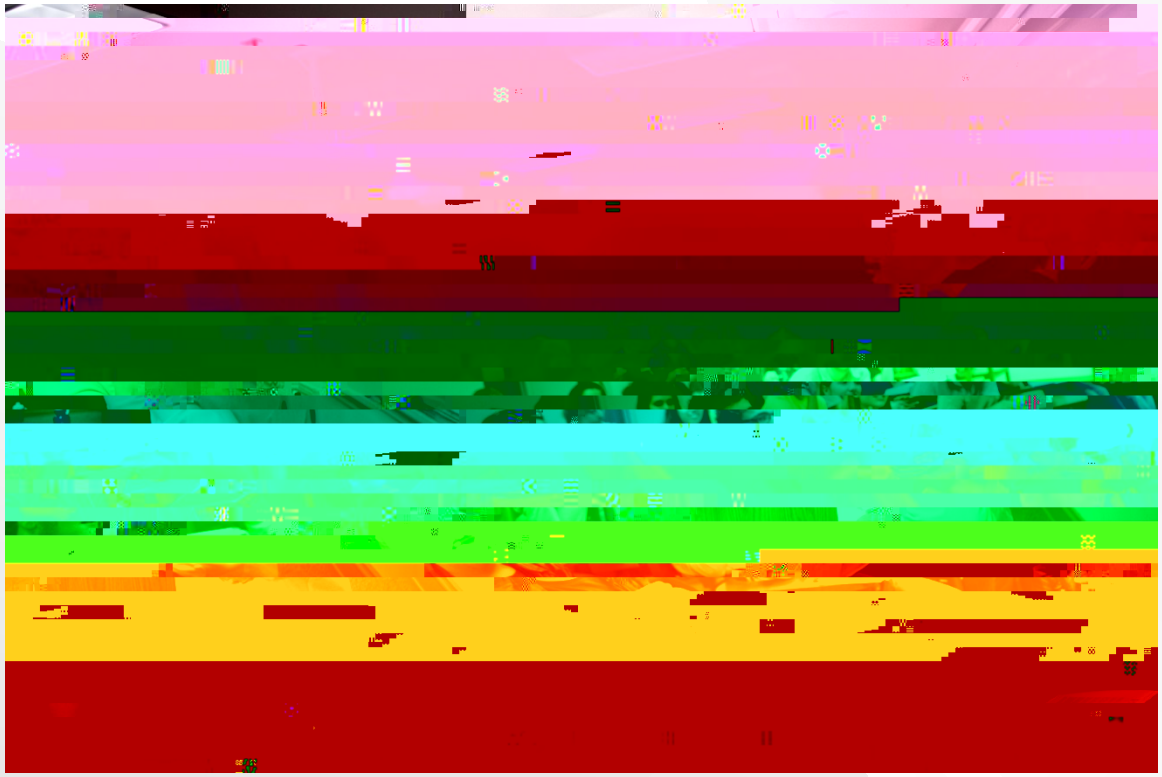
When you feel like this:

Tip 2:



Tip 3: Ask at least one question per class

Tip 4: write write write

But how? How do I take notes?

- Create a written record of that day's class
- What happened first?
- What was on the board?
- What questions did students have?
- Why is this class so boring?
- What question can I think to ask?

After class

- Type up your notes.
- Compare with classmates.
- Go to Blackboard.
- Do you do this?

Let’s talk textbooks

Tips for other texts

- **Google**
- Did she just say Google?
- **Wikipedia, too!**
- She did not just say that?
- **What's this reading about? Is there any help out there?**
- **Read a review or two—not to cheat, just to get a sense of what you should be getting from the reading.**
- **Read with a pen in your hand**
- **Stop and summarize every page or so**
- **Stop and re-read if you need t.o**

Tips in general

- **Always read with a pen in your hand—not a highlighter, which is too passive.**
- **Skim—get the gist.**

Enough of me—what about you?

- *What gets in your way as a student?*
- *What behaviors should you change?*
- *What behaviors would you like your professors to change?*

Right, good luck

with that.