

Prep Pages

When reading a math textbook, it is important that you get into the habit of taking notes from the text. If you do this BEFORE the material is covered in class, you will have a solid foundation for the material being covered by the teacher. By knowing the important concepts, vocabulary, etc that will be covered on a given day, you will be able to follow the material more closely and ask better questions. Ultimately, you will learn the material better.

A "Prep Page" is one way to take notes from the text book in anticipation of a class lecture. The page should include key concepts from the section, including (but not limited to):

1. Section Objectives
2. Important vocabulary
3. Key processes
4. Formulas & concepts
5. At least a few examples from the text showing the processes/formulas/concepts being put to work

Your prep pages can serve as the start of your notes for class. You should do the prep page for each section on a separate piece of paper, so you can then add your class notes to them. Be sure to clearly label your Prep Page (put "PREP PAGE" at the top and the section of the book). If you add class notes at the end be sure to draw a line to show where your preparation for class ends and where class notes begin. You may find you write less during class, because many concepts will already be on your Prep Page.

Use your Prep Page to review previous material, especially vocabulary and formulas. You'll still need to do lots of practice problems, but the Prep Page will be a great resource.

