

MURPHY BI-WEEKLY WRITING TIP

Reflect & Read

Dear Murphy Students:

Another Fall semester has ended, and once your finals are done and submitted, most of you will have some time to rest before returning for a new semester.

It's that time of year to reflect – after some rest, of course – and this tip offers familiar questions for reflection and a recommendation to keep yourself sharp.

Reflect

Reflection – to review the past with serious attention so that you can learn about yourself and adjust what you will do in the future.

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- How did the semester go, from beginning to end?
- What obstacles came my way? *When* did they happen? *Why* did they happen?
- What did I do *successfully* this semester? *When* was I successful? *Why* was I successful?
- How do I repeat my successes for next semester?

You can *think* about these questions, but it's always better to *write them down* for yourself to review.

Read

Reading is, of course, important for being an effective writer and thinker.

After a semester of intense reading, writing, and thinking - ***more reading* may be the last thing on your mind.**

However -

This break I offer you a challenge:

- Find at least ***one book to read completely.***
- It can be an easy read – nothing from the 16th century
- It can be a short read – most books are in the 300-page range, but anything at least 50 pages.
- It can be a book you already read – you always learn more when you *re-read*.

This is a simple way to stay sharp and ready for the next semester – while learning something new!

Have a happy holiday! – a restful break! – a happy New Year!

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If you have questions or want to put this into practice, feel free to contact me! 😊