

## Independent Learning Skills Setting the Table for Learning

- Mental Preparation Assume a gritty mindset
  - Take a moment of mindfulness
  - Read an inspirational quote
  - Begin positive self-talk (inner critic vs. inner coach) "I can do this!"
  - Decide what assignment to begin
  - Picture what "done" looks like
- Physical Set-Up Create a work-friendly space and routine
  - Choose a consistent space
  - Ready the room (lighting, temperature, noises/music)
  - Display inspirational quotes/images/objects
  - Prepare your screen appearance (font size, size of window, toggling)
  - Minimize distractions (phones, open tabs, siblings)
  - Identify and collect the tools you need (timer, charged chromebook, calculator, pencils, erasers, pens, etc)
  - Identify and collect resources needed (planner, Google calendar with assignments, notebook, handouts, textbook, teacher's website)
  - Organize resources in a user-friendly set-up
  - Pour water (hydration) & healthy snack if needed
  - Evaluate body position Make a deliberate choice that meets your needs (relative to type of assignment)
- Action Plan Determine what to do when
  - Find assignment, read & unpack directions, restate them in your own words
  - Prioritize (within the assignment): plan steps for completion what's first...next...then... \*\*
  - Review relevant class handouts, documents, and notes
  - Plan preventative breaks set timer to work 25 min. then break 5 min.
  - Determine "life line" or study partner to help/clarify
- \*\* Time Management Estimate & Re-assess

How much time do I think this will take me? How much time do I have? How much time did it actually take?