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Mid-Semester Assessment

It is the middle of October and I am pleased with my grades, except for two. One of them is my biology class, Bio 250, and the other is a general education goal class, History 100. It is very important to me to do well in these classes because it is my first semester and my first GPA. I want to do well and make my team and parents proud. I have exams in both classes coming up and I have a plan to do well on both, as well as bring my grade up.

To bring my grade up, I will utilize more office hours. I will complete my assignments before they are due and take them to my professor for revisions. This has helped before and hopefully will help me get better grades on papers. I will start emailing my tutors questions, because I only see them once a week. This will allow me to get answers faster and continue studying or doing assignments. I recently started speaking with my classmates more, and getting feedback from my peers is usually easier to understand than feedback from my professor. After reading a chapter in the textbook, I plan to read the summary questions to help me conceptualize what I just read. These improvements and ideas should help me get my grade up in both biology and history because most of the assignments are papers and quizzes or tests.

I have exams coming up soon for both classes. I will be studying for them simultaneously so I will have to alter my normal schedule. A week before the test, I will sit down and create a study schedule. This will outline what days I will be studying certain chapters, making sure that I cover them all. For each chapter I will make flashcards, a glossary, and revisit old notes. I will be done studying two days before the test so I can ask my professor questions prior to test day. I have a group that studies together for each class and we draw diagrams and figures on white boards. This is helpful for me because I am a visual learner. I plan to study for history during the day for 1-2 hours, go to softball practice, then study for biology at night with my group. With such a detailed schedule and proper preparation, I should do well on both exams.