

(1) Write a concise paragraph on the importance of memorization in your professional or educational career by citing, paraphrasing, or referring to your text or a related website to support your statements.

Memorization has been a very important aspect of my teaching career for the last 17 years. When I first started teaching at New Horizons Computer Learning Centers we were often given a training manual with step-by-step instructions of how to use a particular computer software program that I had never used the night before I was scheduled to teach the class. I was able to successfully teach for that organization for seven years due to my ability to memorize and summarize their training manuals very quickly. When I began teaching Microsoft and Cisco certified training courses for corporate training centers and then MSJC, concepts were evolving and changing quickly and was constantly having to memorize new material on various concepts within only a few days of teaching the material. These days most of my memorizing skills have been applied to taking tests for course I am taking to complete first my Bachelor's and now my Master's degrees. I find that mnemonics and organizing material works best for me. I would certainly agree with Joyce, Weil, and Calhoun that "before we can remember something we must first attend to it" (p200). I find that I need to tell myself that I need to memorize something first and then ask myself how will I most likely be able to recall it, before I actually go through the process of repeating the idea to myself and writing it down over and over again, to remember it.

(2) Create and post a list of random objects, names, concepts, etc. that can be memorized (limit: no more than 20 items) in the same thread. (For example: **five great lakes:** Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, & Superior)

1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096, 8192, 16384

These are not exactly random numbers and can be easily memorized as they are the powers of the number 2 starting with 2 to the first power through 2 to 2 to the 15th power.