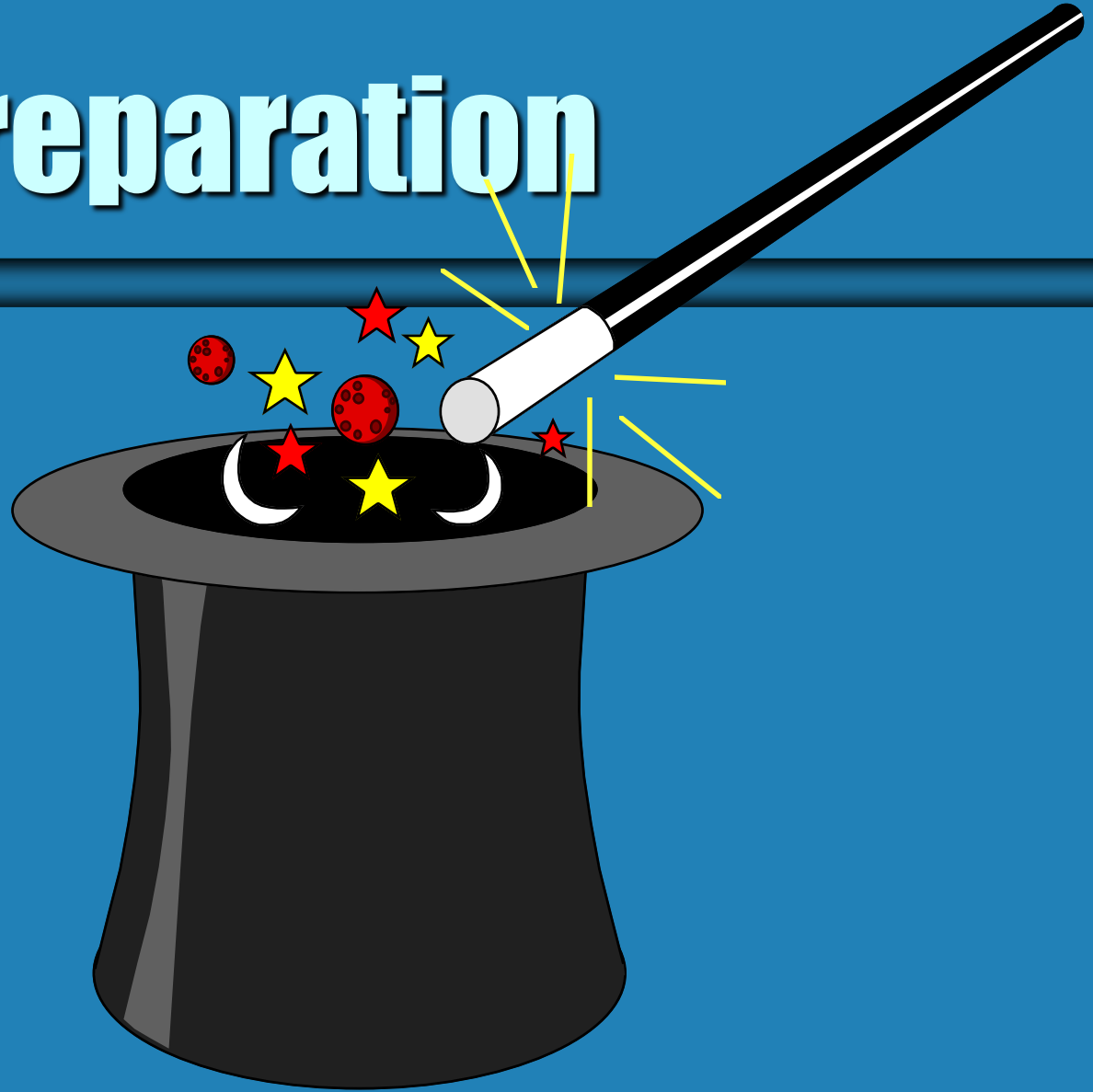


# Test Preparation



# Early

- **Rewrite Class Notes**
- **Add Textbook Information to Class Notes**
- **Make Flash Cards**
- **Listen Carefully for Direction and/or Hints from the Professor**

# Middle

- **Do Study Guide and Review Questions**
- **Get Help from your Instructor and/or the ARC Tutors**
- **Listen Carefully for Directions and/or Hints from the Professor**

# Late

- Find out what you know
- Study **what you do not know**

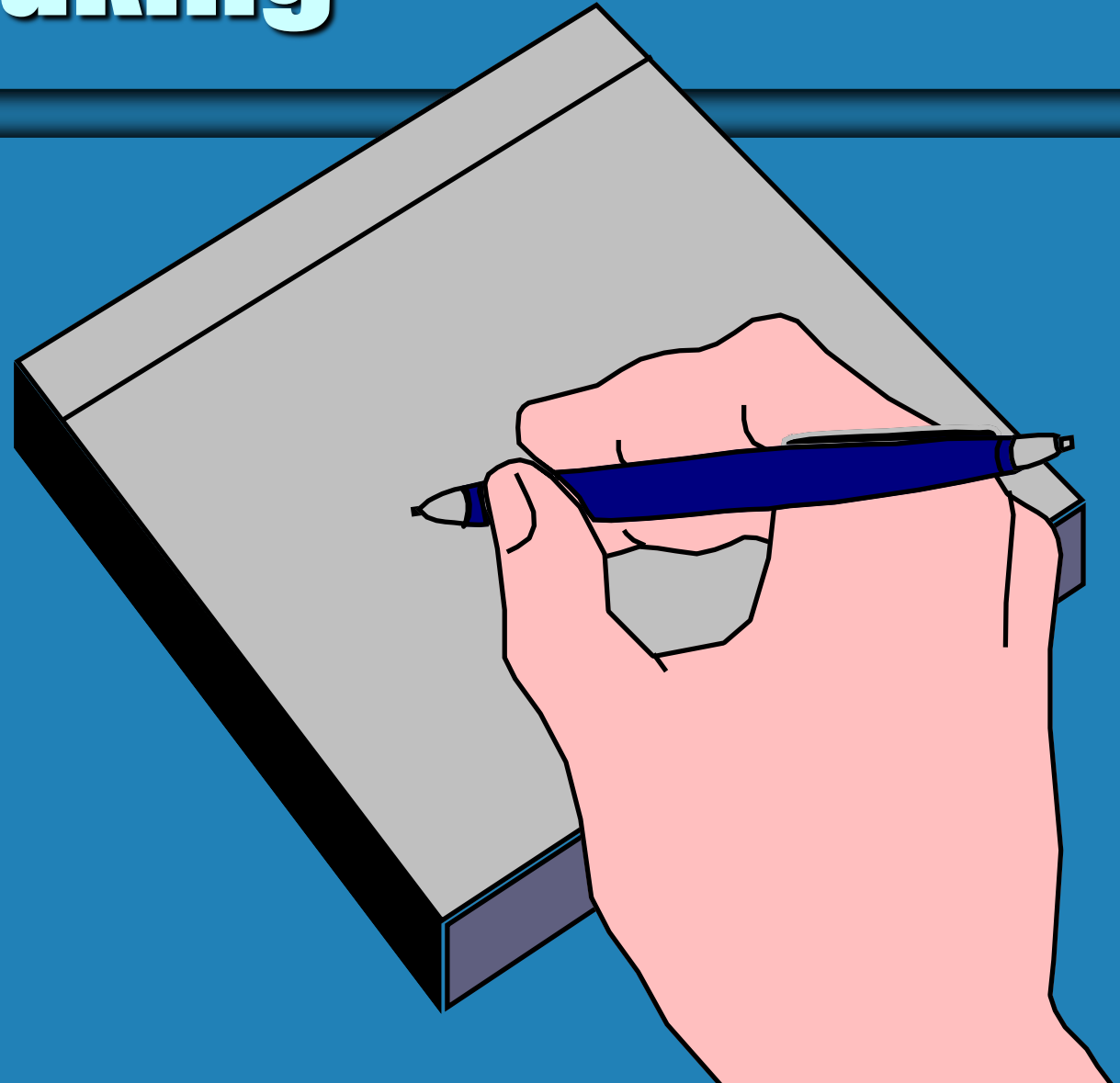


# Things to Remember



- ✘ **Get a good night's sleep before the test**
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- ✘ **Bring some hard candy with you - it can calm your nerves**
- ✘ **Remember** - One bad grade does not determine your grade for the course

# Test Taking





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# **Tricks of the Trade**

**Follow Directions Carefully**

# What's Wrong with this Picture?





# Follow Directions Carefully

## ➤ Multiple choice

- Choose the **one best** answer if instructed.
- Mark answers on test then transfer onto Scantron.
- Use a # 2 pencil if instructed.

## ➤ True-False

- Any tricks to these? Are you marking the test correctly? T - or True? F - or False?

## ➤ Short Answer

- How much should you write? Some instructors expect a fact for each point. **Find out how your instructor grades.**

# Multiple Choice Questions

## Some Tips

- Read the question
- Read **all** the choices
- Eliminate wrong choices **X**
- Choose the best answer
- Put a check mark next to any question you are not confident is correct ✓
- Don't second guess

# Multiple Choice Questions

## More Hints

- **Use an index card to hide all but one line of the text in the question. This will help you focus**
- **help prevent anticipating the question**
- **slow down your reading to give yourself time to think**

# Essay

- **Read the question carefully**
- **Underline key points**
- **Answer the question asked**
- **Proofread**



# Other Types of Questions


- **Short Answer**
- **Compare and Contrast**
- **List the Steps**
- **Draw and Label**
- **Relate Structure to Function**

# Short Answer - **Read Carefully**

Name three characteristics of all living things

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Underline the important words!**



**Question:** What is meant by resolving power?

is determined by the amount and physical properties of the visible light that enters the microscope.

**What's wrong with this student's answer?**



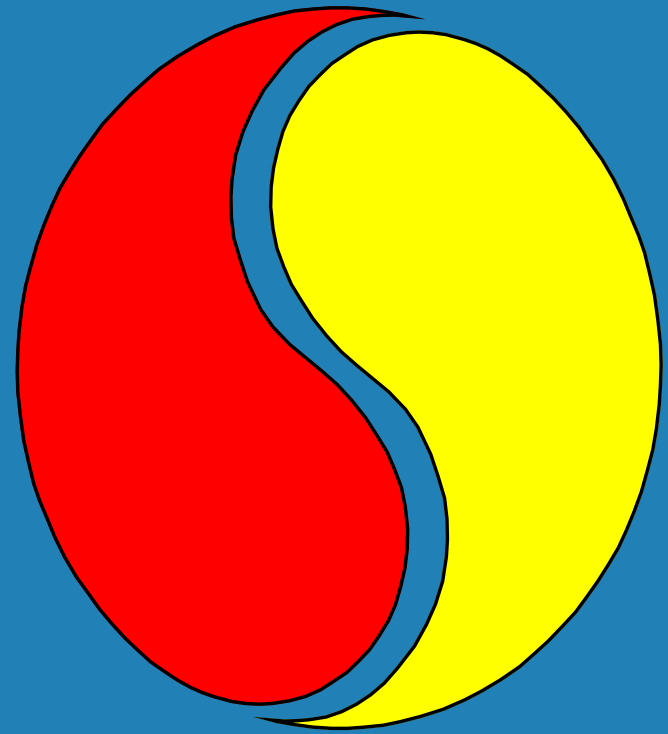
# **Question:** What is meant by resolving power?

- **Important words:**
- **Resolving power – What about resolving power?**
- **What is meant by “meant by”?**



# Compare and Contrast

- **List facts in columns**
- **Write an opening statement**
- **Compare**
- **Contrast**
- **Summary statement**



# Hint - Compare and Contrast

cell cell

## ➤ Compare

➤ These are similar because...

## ➤ Contrast

➤ These are different because ...

# List the Steps

- **Write down known facts**
- **Sequence facts**
- **Write thesis statement**
- **List information in logical order**
- **Summary statement**

# Draw and Label

- **Make a rough sketch**
- **Add as many details as possible**
- **Label**



# Relate Structure to Function

- **The function of the plasma membrane is \_\_\_\_\_**
- **It is able to carry out this function because of the following structures: \_\_\_\_\_**

# Once Again!

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