

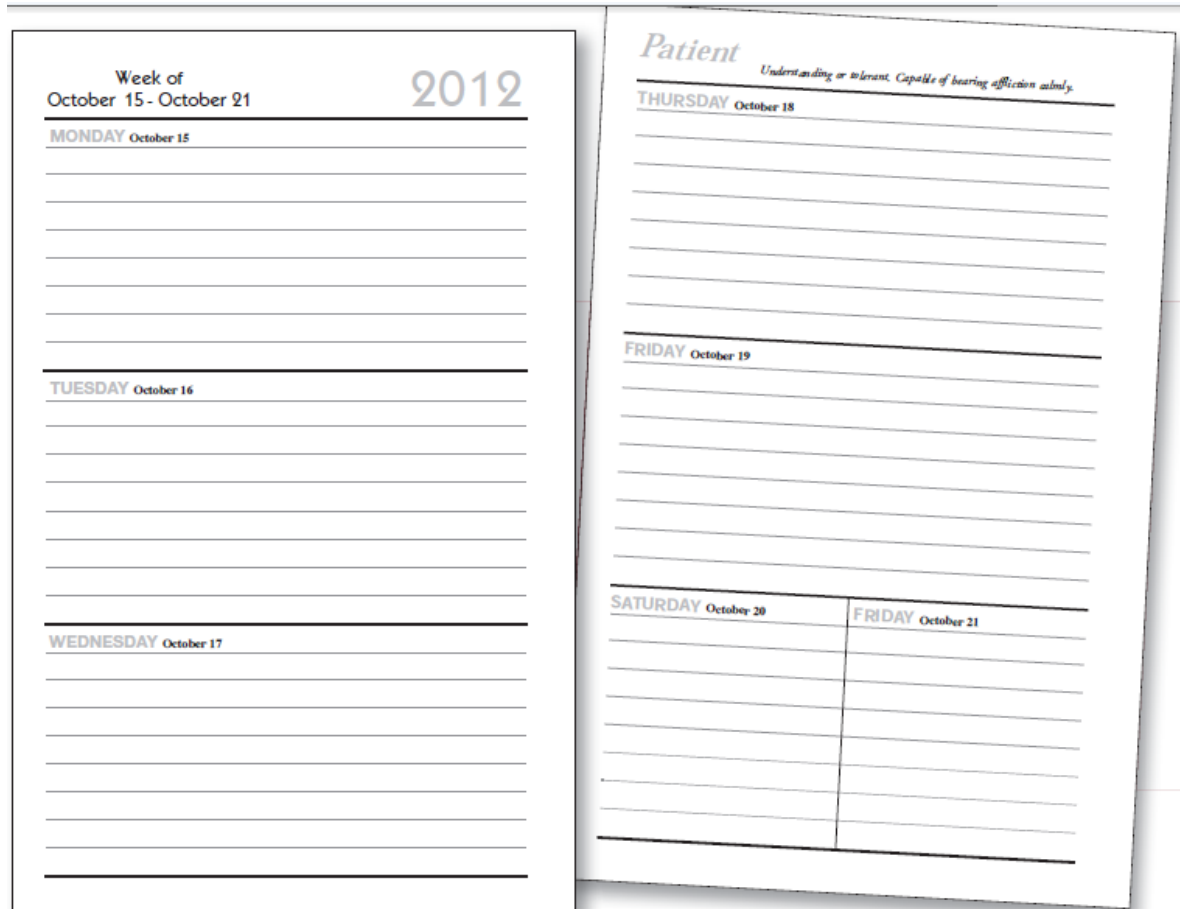
THE SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

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Get Organized

Your planner as a FOUNDATION



Your planner as a ROADMAP

List classes in the order you have them

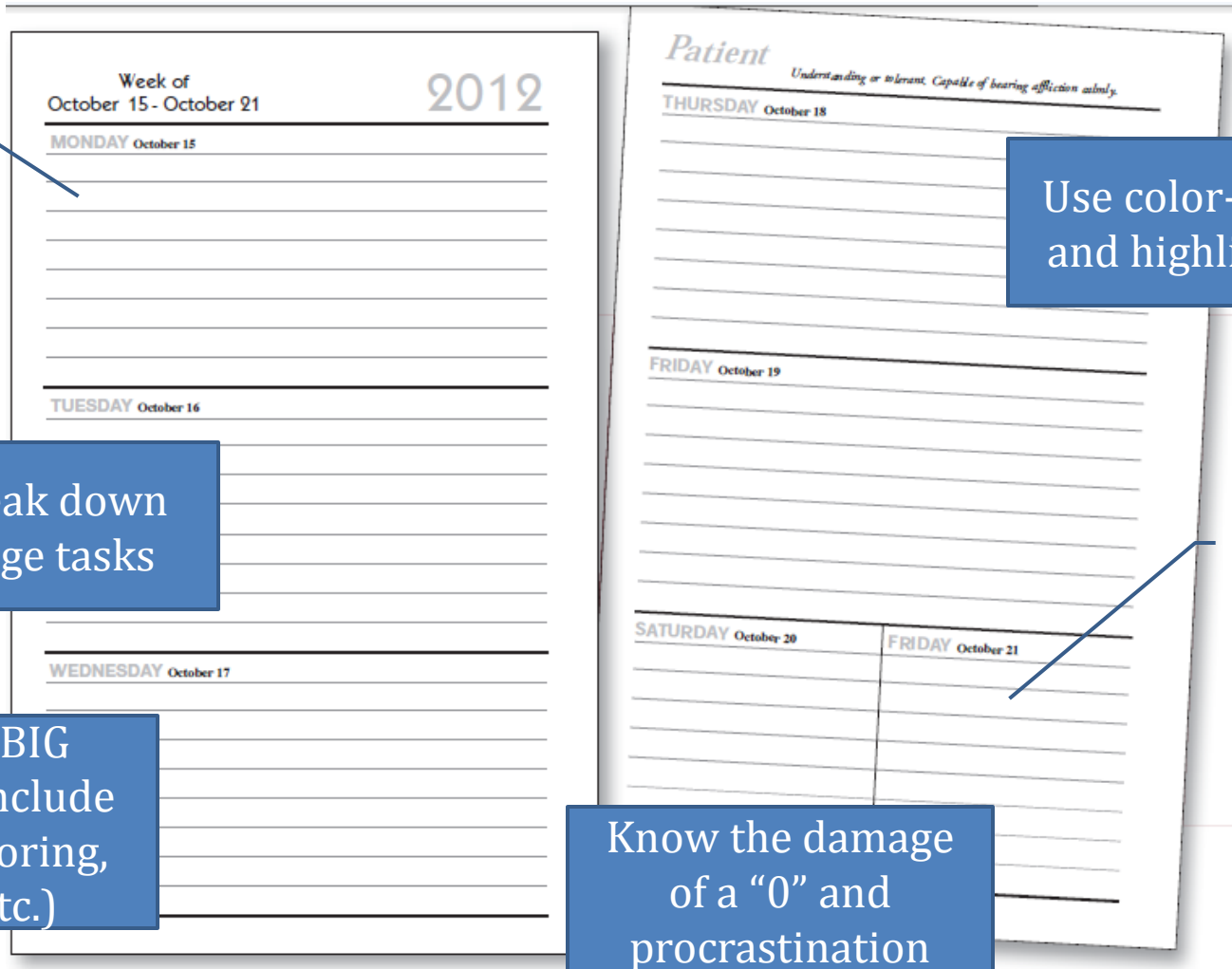
Break down large tasks

See the BIG picture (include appts, tutoring, trips, etc.)

Use color-coding and highlighting

Use Sunday to look ahead

Know the damage of a "0" and procrastination



Your Planner is a TOOL

- See the BIG picture
- Understand each class/each teacher
- Website/assignment sheet is a way to double check the planner, not a replacement
- Awareness is power and relieves stress
- Adapt (electronic calendars, apps, etc.)
- Planning is a life-long skill

Your Planner is a COMMITMENT

Training manual to run a marathon

Missing pages, inconsistencies and not making it a habit work against its effectiveness!



Use it EVERY day. Non-negotiable.

Often requires scaffolds

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Use a SIMPLE system



- Folder for each subject
- Extra Folder for paper, permission slips, etc.



**EVERYTHING HAS
A HOME**



Study Skills

Study skills in context

We cannot separate what is being learned from the context in which it is learned



Better transfer of skills if learned in context

Accountability + Self-Awareness

- Organization and HW time is a non-negotiable
- We must inspect what we expect
- Students take ownership for their learning
- Help students think about how they learn best
- Help students understand time needed to carry out tasks
- Make time for REFLECTION

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Test Taking

Before the test

- ❑ Eliminate Distractions
- ❑ Study time = Study time
- ❑ Plan Short Breaks
- ❑ Break down large tasks (multiple days)
- ❑ Practice in context + Prep for the right kind of test

Before the test

- Tackle difficult things first
- Remember your learning preferences
- Use resources (friends, teachers, etc.)
- REFLECT on past tests
- PLAN AHEAD.....

During the test

- Do an information dump! Before you begin answering, jot down hard to remember formulas and terms on the margins or back of exam.
- Survey the exam. Before you begin answering, take a quick look at the whole exam. This may help you decide where to begin and how much time to spend on each question.
- Stuck? Keep your pencil moving!

During the test

- Read directions carefully and underline key phrases.
- Do easy questions first. They may give you clues for the more challenging questions.
- Use positive self-talk
- Relax! Use your strategies to calm yourself.
- Check yourself!



Questions?