CSE 390B, Winter 2022

Building Academic Success Through Bottom-Up Computing

Midterm Exam, Reflection

CSE 390B Midterm and Debrief

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Midterm Instructions

❖ This exam is closed-note, closed-software
  ▪ You may only use the midterm reference sheet

❖ You will have 50 minutes to complete the exam
  ▪ We will give you a 25-minute, 10-minute, and 5-minute warning
  ▪ We will start the exam at 1:35pm and end at 2:25pm

❖ If you have a question, please raise your hand (in-person) or send a private message on Zoom to Eric (virtual)

❖ When you are finished, please hand your exam to the course staff (in-person) or submit to Gradescope (virtual)
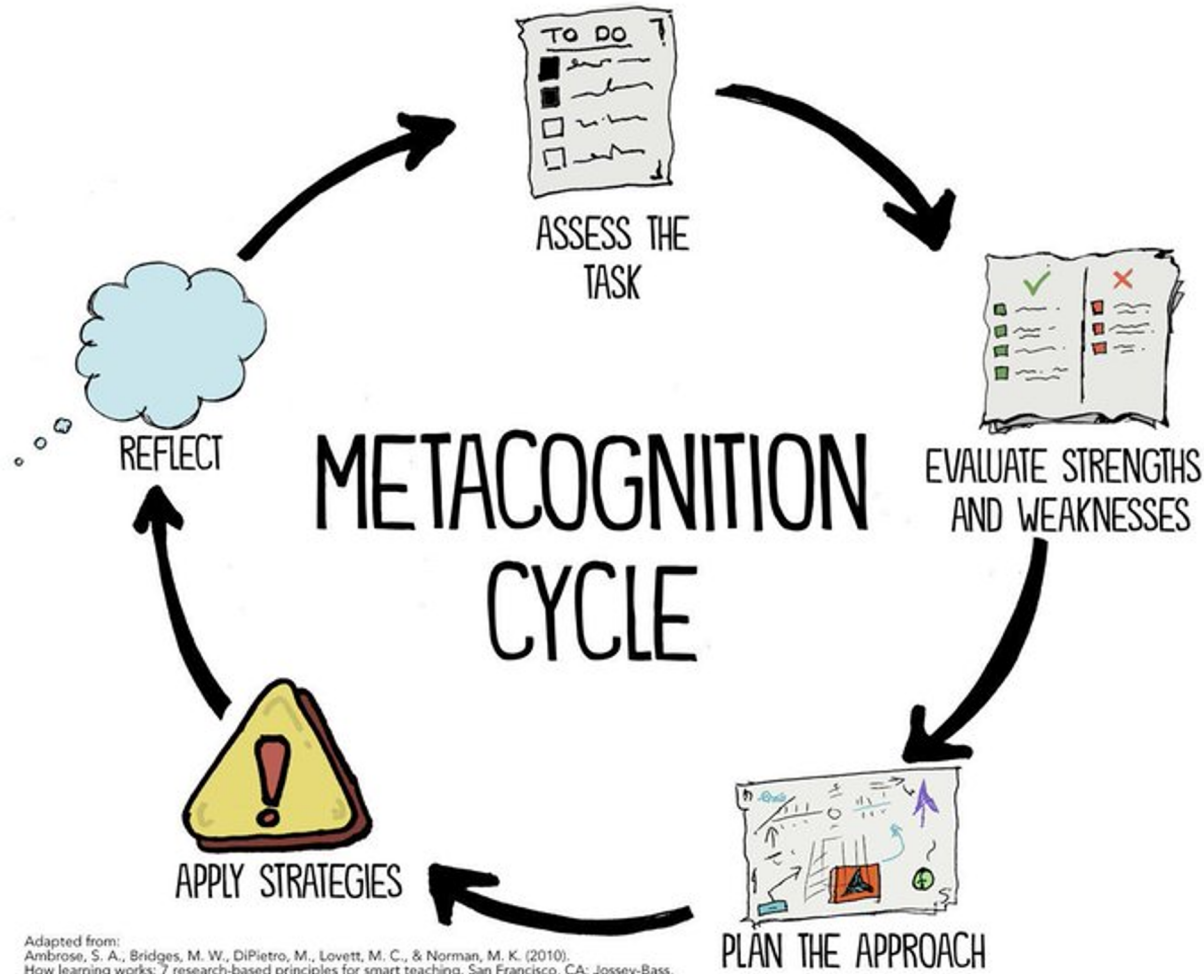
Congrats! You did it!

Midterm Debrief

❖ Initial thoughts, feelings, impressions of the midterm?

❖ How did you prepare for this midterm? What aspects of your preparation were most effective when taking the midterm?

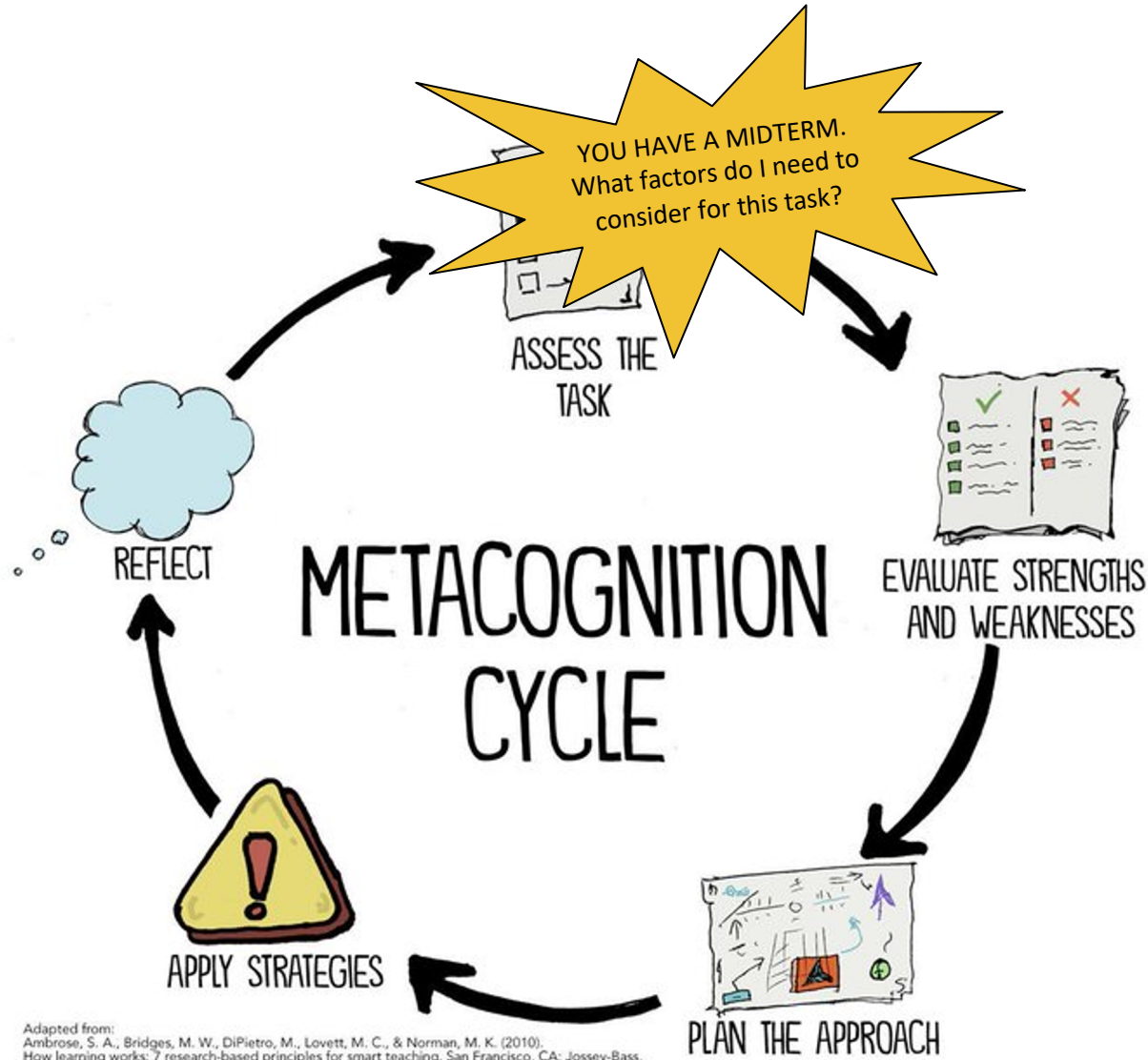❖ What test-taking strategies helped you during the midterm? Were any different from the mock exam?

Examination of examinations

❖ Exams are not an objective measure of your learning or abilities
- They are one type of evaluation and favor certain learning styles
- They reflect priorities of instructor and are one view of material
- Performance on an exam doesn't determine your capability

❖ Yet, our educational system frequently use high-stakes, time-pressured exams

❖ Our goal is to help you improve your skills related to preparing, taking, and reflecting on exams
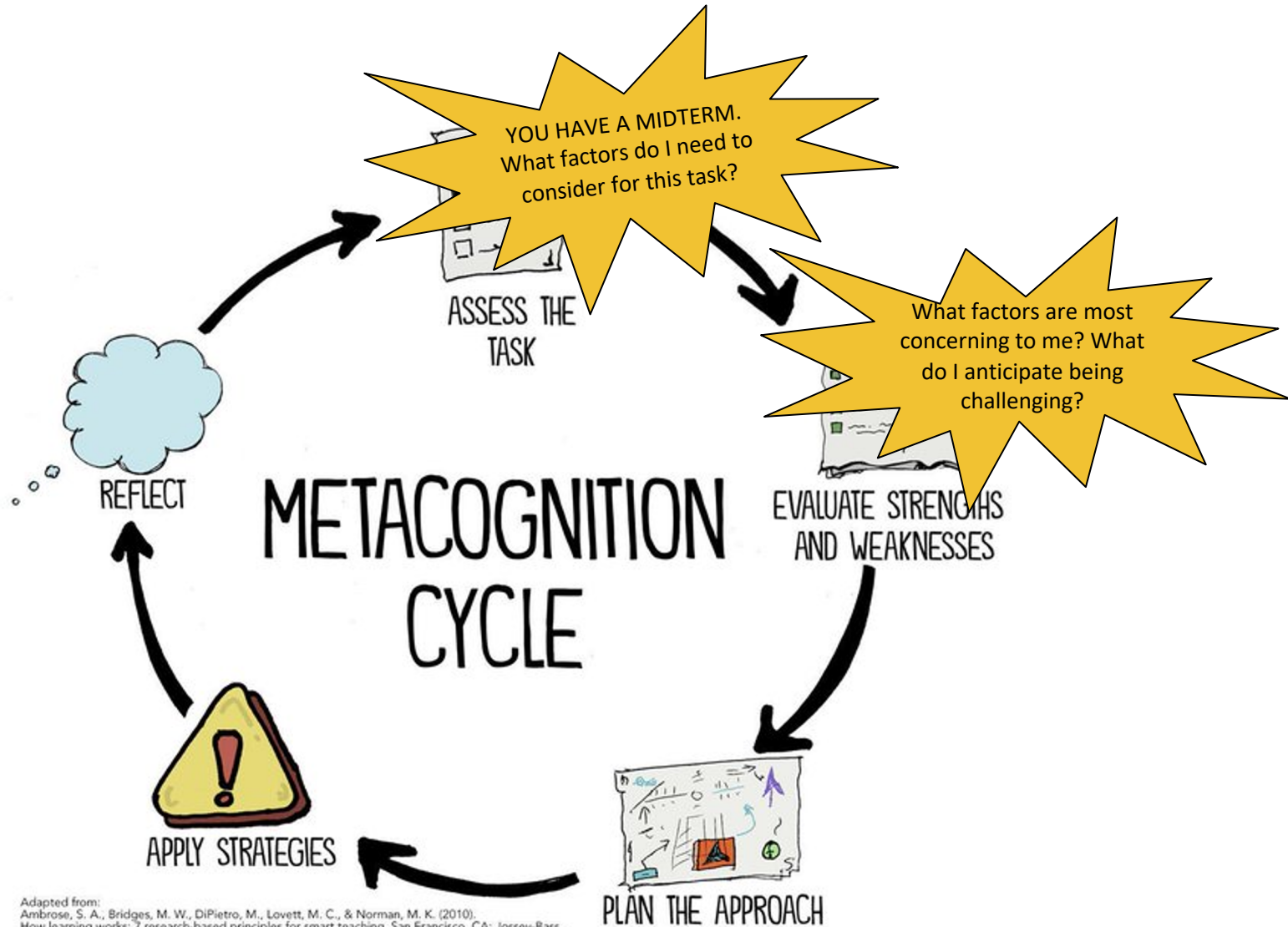
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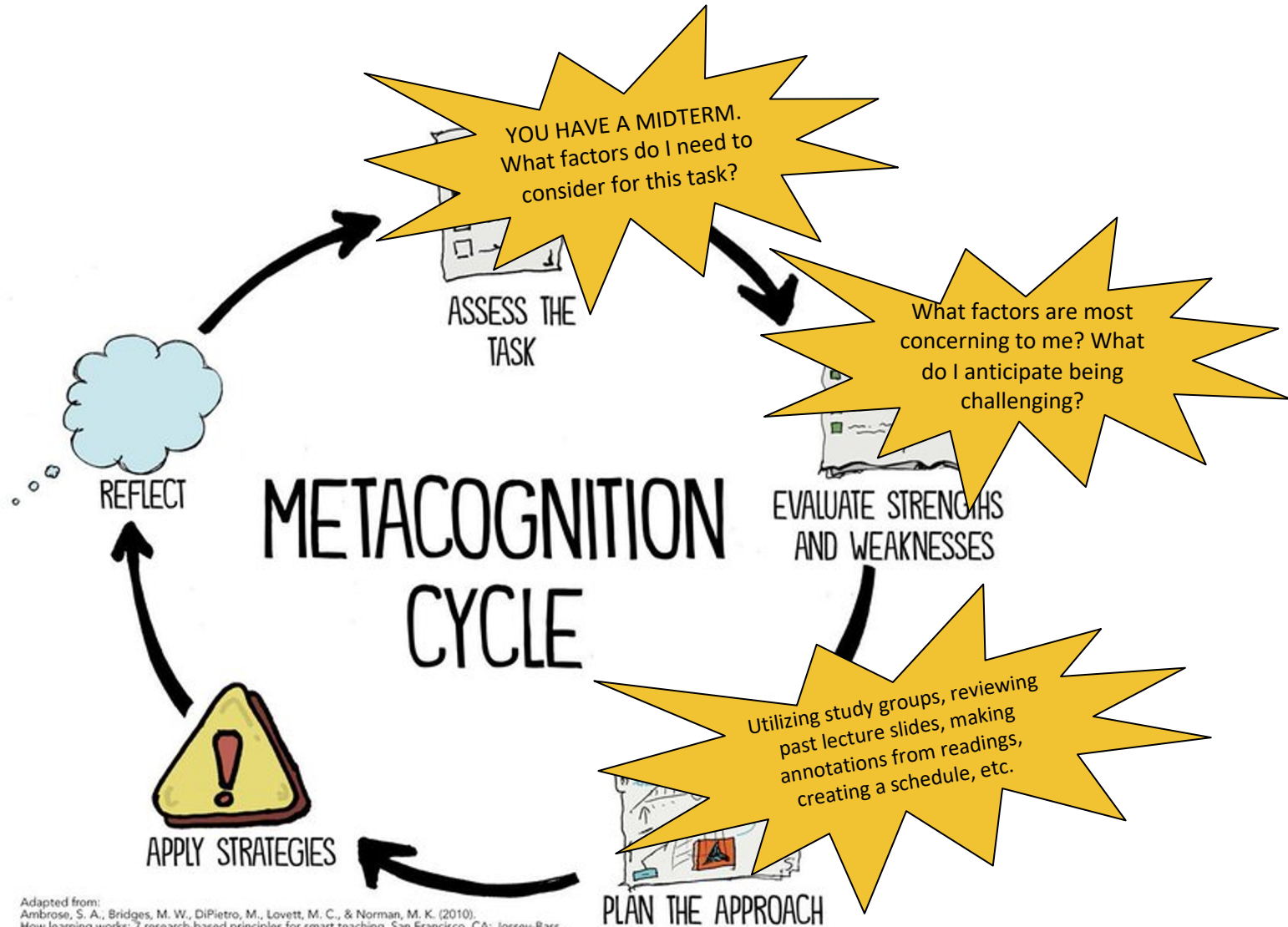
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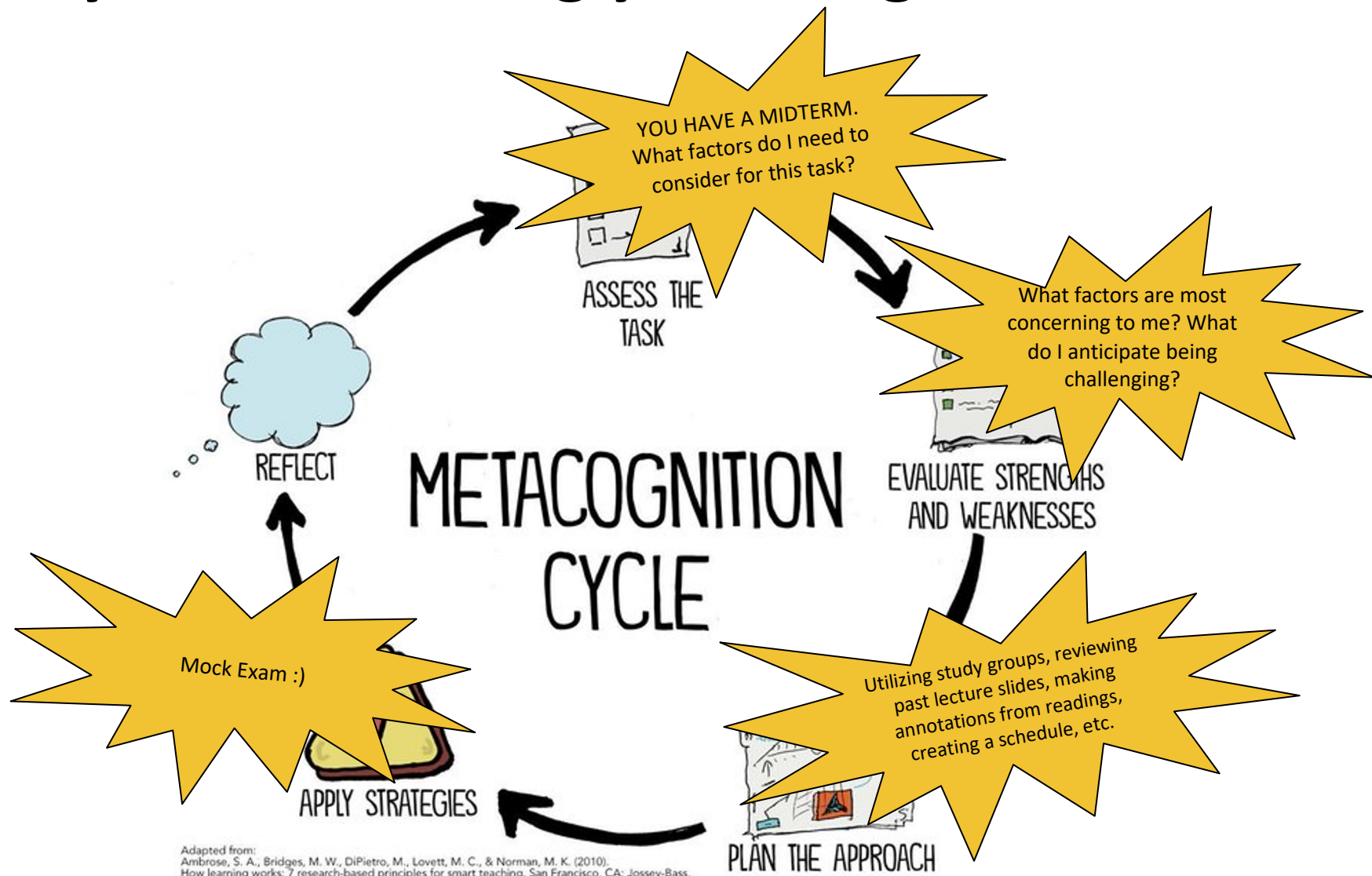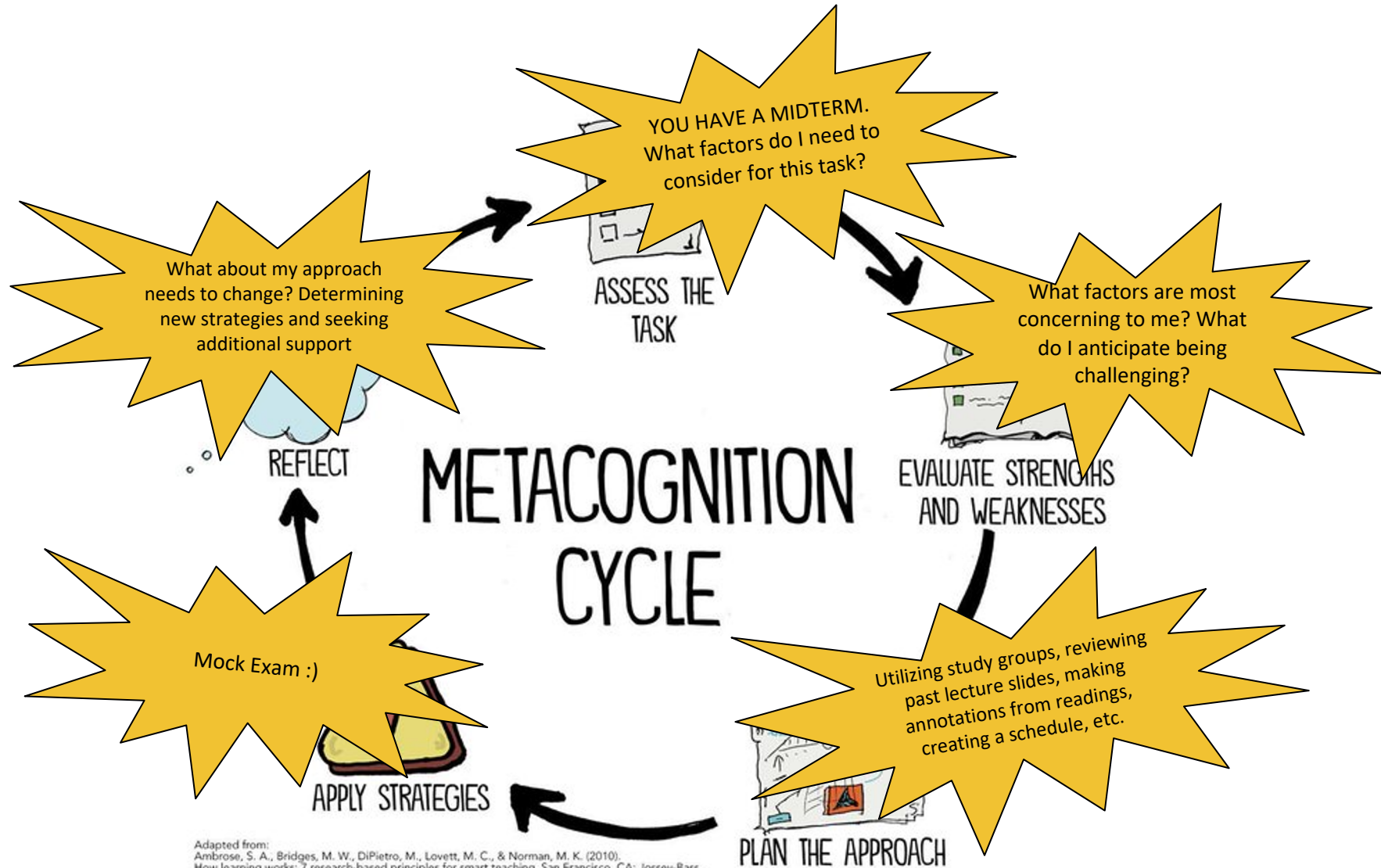
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Mock Exam :)

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Post-Lecture 12 Reminders

❖ What's in store for Week 7?
- Mid-quarter retrospective
- Software Stack, Operating Systems, the Compiler
- Project 6 Overview

❖ Project 4 grades and feedback will be released this week

❖ Project 5 due next Thursday (2/17) at 11:59pm PST

❖ Late days have been updated on Canvas

❖ Need masks? You may pick up one KN95 mask from the Allen Center reception