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It's a New Year! What are your resolutions? If you don't have any, feel free to borrow from the list below.

1. **Don't procrastinate on class assignments** - Start assignments early to avoid stressful deadlines.
2. **Visit your professors during their office hours** - Don't be the invisible student in class. Make sure your professor knows who you are. You never know when you may need that letter of recommendation.
3. **Get to know your reference librarians** - Stop by the reference desk and ask us for assistance. Not only will you get the help you need but you'll also be doing a good deed. Everybody knows that librarians become feral if they don't have enough student interaction within their natural library environment.

Procrastination: Time Management Strategies and Tips



We often have the best intentions at the start of the new semester. We'll start our projects early and stay ahead of the game. Inevitably that nasty beast, Procrastination, rears its ugly head and next thing we know we are facing looming deadlines. How do we conquer Procrastination?

Learn Your Energy Cycles: Identify when your peak times are and use them to your advantage. Use your peak times to work on projects or assignments that require your devoted concentration. During low peak times, do routine work like recopying notes or catching up on email.

Break down large projects into bite-size chunks: Have a daunting project and don't know where to begin? Break the project into smaller pieces and tackle one.

Minimize Switching Costs: Try to avoid distractions and switching from task to task. It drains time since you often need to go back and review where you left off.

Be Flexible: Your perfectly mapped schedule may get disrupted. Be flexible and go

New Year Quiz

1. In which year did the New Year's celebration in Times Square begin?
2. What year did the ball first drop in Times Square?
3. What does "auld lang syne" mean?
4. To ring in the New Year in Spain, it is traditional to do what on each chime of the clock?
5. In the South, what is a traditional food eaten on New Years?

