TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN ONLINE LEARNING – Assignment & Readings

Read the following 3 articles in their entirety (the links and a summary are provided below), then complete the mini-assignment on the Discussion Board in Connect.

Required Reading 1:
http://www.seeklearning.com.au/online-learning-skills
"We've all experienced classroom study in school, but online learning is something completely different. Here are six practical tips for online study success."

Required Reading 2:
http://www.educause.edu/ero/article/how-students-develop-online-learning-skills
"How Students Develop Online Learning Skills," is a detailed study by Alan R. Roper. Particularly useful is the section titled *"Successful Online Students Identify Seven Tips."*

Required Reading 3:
http://www.seeklearning.com.au/myths-about-online-courses
What employers really think of online learning and other myths and facts.

Additional Reading:
http://www.how-to-study.com/study-skills-articles/tips-for-success-in-online-learning.asp
"If you follow the suggested tips, you can succeed at online learning -- and enjoy the experience all at once." By Joan Saliskas, Ph.D., Instructional Designer for Rasmussen College Online.

MINI-ASSIGNMENT

Tips for Online Learning – ANSWER ON THE DISCUSSION BOARD DUE Sunday after the first class, 11:59pm

Carefully consider your own learning style based on your performance in the past, then consider the relationship between your own habits and potential areas for problems with online learning. **On the Discussion Board**:

     1. Identify what you think will be your **top 3 challenges** for online learning and post them on the **Discussion Board**.

     2. Consider a <u>strategy</u> for how you will overcome each of these challenges and post <u>one</u> strategy on the **Discussion Board**.

     3. Identify your **top 3 strengths** that will help you be really successful in online learning. Again, consider your past habits, preferences or tendencies for learning. Post <u>one</u> of your strengths on the **Discussion Board**.

If someone has already identified a similar challenge or strength, be sure to post in the same string so we can keep the discussion organized.

Summary of Tips from the Readings:

1. Develop a time-management strategy.
2. Make the most of online discussions.
3. Use it or lose it.
4. Make questions useful to your learning.
5. Stay motivated.
6. Communicate the instruction techniques that work.
7. Make connections with fellow students.

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1. Do not presume.
2. Pay attention to the course learning objectives.
3. Read and practice everything.
4. Be sure you have the required software and hardware.
5. Be open to new ways of learning.
6. Be comfortable communicating through text.
7. Participate wholeheartedly.
8. Be proactive.
9. Establish a regular schedule.
10. Fill out the surveys.

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Note: You may find it useful to combine these lists in to your own top 7-10 list that you customize to suit your habits, preferences and tendencies for learning.