

Important Things You've Forgotten Since High School



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It's been a while since you were in high school, and you've probably forgotten a lot of what you learned. But don't worry, you're not alone. Here's a refresher on some of the most important things you've forgotten since high school.

Math

- The Pythagorean theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
- The quadratic formula: $x = (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}) / 2a$
- The derivative of $\sin(x)$ is $\cos(x)$.
- The integral of x^2 is $x^3/3$.
- The limit of $(x^2 - 1) / (x - 1)$ as x approaches 1 is 2.

Science

- The periodic table of elements.
- The laws of thermodynamics.
- The theory of evolution.
- The structure of the atom.
- The chemical reactions that power life.

History

- The dates of the American Revolution, the Civil War, and the World Wars.
- The major figures of each of these periods.
- The causes and consequences of these events.
- The key ideas of the Enlightenment and the Romantic period.
- The major social and political movements of the 19th and 20th centuries.

English

- The parts of speech.
- The rules of grammar.
- The different types of writing.
- The elements of style.
- The great works of literature.

Foreign languages

- The basics of Spanish, French, or another language you studied in high school.
- The grammar rules.
- The vocabulary.
- The pronunciation.
- The culture of the countries where the language is spoken.

Other

- How to do laundry.
- How to cook.
- How to manage your money.
- How to vote.
- How to be a good citizen.

These are just a few of the many things you've probably forgotten since high school. But don't worry, it's easy to relearn them. Just pick up a textbook, take a class, or find a tutor. With a little effort, you'll be back up to speed in no time.



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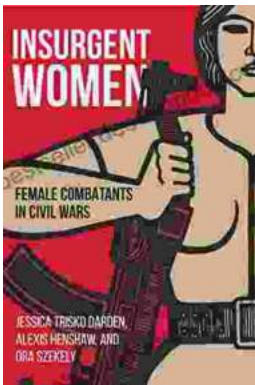
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