Using the “Big Picture Approach to Problem Solving”, MESA Creators must first “see the Big Picture”, then “solve the problem”. **Challenge:** For each homework assignment, first WRITE the corresponding parts of the Big Picture (Concept, SAM and Variation) as a footnote on the first page of your homework (Note: if you have many variations, add them at the bottom of page 2). This will demonstrate that you understand the material and can see the Big Picture! It also follows MESA Law #1: If you don’t write it down, it didn’t happen.

**Benefits:** ① this strategy will make the homework easier, ② your professor will know how you are seeing the Big Picture and may suggest other tips, ③ when you review your homework to prepare for a test, it will help to have the homework and the Big Picture Footnote in one place. **Good luck!**

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