PsychSim 5: FORGETTING

Name: __________________________________________   Section: ________________________
Date: __________________________________________

This activity will help you understand one of the reasons why we forget information – interference.

Encoding Failure
• What does an encoding failure mean in terms of memory?

Encoding Example
• Did you remember the duplicate letter? ______________
  • Why do most people have difficulty with this task?

Other Failures
• What other explanations are there for our failure to recall information at a later time?

Comparing the Results
• How did your results differ on Trial 1 versus Trial 2?

Other Types of Interference
• Name and briefly describe two types of interference that affect memory during processing and storage.
  1. 
  2. 

Paired-Associates Study Trials
• What was your score on Test 1? ________
• What was your score on Test 2? ________
• What was your score on Test 3? ________

What did your results on the three trials indicate?