

Essay Exams

Preparing Before the Exam

Look at the big picture
ideas instead of the
small details

Prepare Practice
Questions

Prepare for an essay
exam just as you
prepare for a multiple
choice exam

When Taking the Exam

Quality over
quantity

Plan your time
and response

Carefully read
the Questions

Utilize the
material you
learned in class

Use good writing
techniques

Proof read your
essay

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Try to avoid using the following words in your writing. Practice utilizing the alternatives instead.

Words to Avoid:	Instead Try:
You	One, the population, the people, anyone, or a person
Really	Absolutely, without a doubt, certainly, actually, or truly
Like	Similarly, comparably, or relating
Things/Stuff	Ideas, principles, topics, facts, or thoughts
A lot	Frequently, a great deal, an abundance, or substantially