

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

Proofread 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