

Final Exam Essay Preparation

Please complete this task either on your computer or on paper and consider using the results on your exam card.

Name:

Final Exam Essay Topic:

Title of Essay:

Introduction:

- A. Hook statement that sets up the key topic your essay will make an argument about.
- B. Text/author identification: what text(s) and author(s) are you going to use in the paper. *Does this meet any specific number required by the essay?*
- C. Thesis: the specific point (not the promise that there will be a point) you want to prove about your topic.
- D. List 3-5 major points that will have their own paragraphs.
- E. End with a callback to thesis.

For Each Body Paragraph:

- A. Transitional phrase
- B. Main point of paragraph and connection to thesis of paper.
- C. Supporting quote
- D. Analysis of quote
- E. Concluding thought about main point of paragraph

Conclusion:

- A. Transition (not “in conclusion”)
- B. Reminder of topic and thesis
- C. Tie all major points together
- D. Broader implications.