

# **Finals Preparation Study Skills Homework**

## **First Semester Final Exams January 17-19, 2012**

### **January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Assignment (suggested completion over Christmas Break):**

*Special Note: I thought you might like to see this in order to help prepare for final exams. If you have time over break to work on a few organizational pieces, you will find finals to be much easier than waiting until January to begin organizing study materials. These are suggestions – you are not required to complete this during break. I hope you find the information helpful. - Mrs. G*

1. Review your old quizzes and tests for those classes that are giving final exams. Many teachers take questions directly from old tests. They may be word for word but most often appear rewritten just a bit.
  - a. Organize: Go through all your tests and quizzes from September and put them in order. If you are missing any – make a note to get copies from a RELIABLE student – not “just one of your friends”.
  - b. Review: Make sure you look at all the questions, if you missed ANY questions – including if you missed part of a question – fix it. Go through your notes, textbook, handouts to find the correct and complete answer. Do this for every test and quiz since September.
  - c. Evaluate: As you review your tests, see if there is any question, essay, or even topic that is difficult for you to remember – or that you never really understood. Go through your notes, textbook, handouts to see if you can find the answer and if it makes sense to you. If not, make a note to see the teacher about this question, essay, or topic.
  - d. Plan: Make a “To-Do” list for your return to school. Be sure to include notes to clarify any questions you have with the teacher or to collect another copy of a test/quiz, notes from a RELIABLE student. Better yet, send an e-mail to the teacher and the RELIABLE student asking for help when you return to school.

## Turn In:

All study skills students: You will turn in the following – **per subject** (This means you will show me three binders/collections on Thursday and three on Friday) - A binder/collection of all the tests and quizzes. Be sure that you have also completed the following:

- The tests and quizzes should have corrections on all previously incorrect answers
- Include a note/to-do list with any content area that you might need additional help. Write out any clarifying questions, missing work or notes. If your work is complete, you understand it all, and feel confident, simply write “I have everything in order and I understand the material”

The material will be reviewed and returned the same day it is due. Specific due dates will be provided by your study skills teacher.

There are no study skills, music, art, or computer final during the final exam time period. Music may give an exam the week of January 9 - 13 during the regularly scheduled class time.

## January 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Assignment

### → Study guides come out this week

You will be receiving a full study guide at least one week prior to final exams. If you know you have to write something for your final, from a short paragraph to a full 3 page essay, practice writing prior to exam. If you know about this essay prior to Christmas break, then practice this over the break.

- a. Write an outline with specific details
- b. Study the outline so you know how to structure the essay (introduction, body, and conclusion)
- c. Make sure you have enough content (it's hard to bluff your way through an essay – don't try to “wing it”).

Also, if you are told you have one of three possible topics that will appear on the test, **prepare for all three possible essays.**

## January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Final Exams