

WRITING TIMED ESSAYS

Writing timed essays can often be a source of anxiety; however, this handout will describe some steps you can take to stay on track and produce a clear, coherent essay even in a short amount of time.

STEPS FOR WRITING TIMED ESSAYS

Here are three steps many writers follow when they have to write timed essays:

Prepare ahead of time: Complete any readings and review your class notes before the exam time. You might also brainstorm ideas about various topics you think might be asked about on the exam, especially if your instructor has given you possible essay topics.

Read the essay prompt or question(s) carefully:

Look for keywords in the question(s), such as analyze, compare, define, describe, evaluate, explain, and summarize, which give you clues about what you need to do when writing.

Look for I T J (a)-10 (n)10 (g)-9u)11 (a)-10 (g)-9e t)2 (h)-10 (a)-10 (t)-7.5 (will)2 (h)-10 (elp)-10 (y)2 (o)-10 (u)- supporting evidence.

Spend approximately 10% of your time

and revise sentences.

editing and proofreading to check for grammatical errors

OTHER HELPFUL TIPS

Get a good night's sleep

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