



Hints for Writing an Essay



Read the question first

- Number the parts
- Underline key phrases
- Make sure you understand what it is asking



Think before you write

- Organize your notes and thoughts
- Don't simply copy your notes
- Get an idea of what you want to answer and find what you need to do so
- Don't start until you are ready to answer



Be clear in your explanation

- Is it detailed enough that it is clear to someone else reading it
- Ask the question “why” at the end of each statement
- Would someone who knows nothing about the topic understand it the way you explained it



Find evidence to back up your statements

- Three examples is always good to show understanding
- Remember to include important terms
- Make sure you explain the examples clearly and how it fits with your statement



Remember to ATQ

- Reread the question and reread the answer
- Do they make sense together
- Don't include items that don't ATQ



Review

- Read the question first
- Think before you write
- Be clear in your explanation
- Find evidence to back up your statements
- Remember to ATQ



Essay

- What is your favorite color and why?