

# Six Keys to Studying for Humanities



## **Manage Your Time**

Make a plan to study nightly even if it is only for 5 or 10 minutes. Use “to-do” lists, your agenda, a calendar (digital or regular), or a notebook to record assignments. Plan study time around social, family, and extra-curricular commitments. Make effective use of your time!



## **Concentrate on Your Study Skills**

Use your notes, memory aids, and review questions to study for a test. Review online materials, assignments, and projects for the “big picture” concepts on a test. Make your own test review of significant concepts for humanities.



## **Understand Humanities Vocabulary**

Make flashcards, use online vocabulary games, play games with flashcards, and review vocabulary activities. Understand why an event is important, why a key person influenced an event, what the ideas that influenced people to act, and what ideas are behind the event.



## **Practice Reading Skills**

Read the passages on tests slowly and carefully. Highlight or underline key terms from Humanities. Write down the Humanities core concepts in the reading passage. Review timelines and graphs for content information. Use context clues to identify answers.



## **Review Writing Skills**

Use proper grammar and spelling when writing for a test. Read the writing prompt carefully then brainstorm how to answer the prompt. Use pre-writing skills to make a plan. Make sure that you use specific details including key people, events, and ideas in historical context. Answer the prompt completely and edit if you have time.



## **Use Your Resources**

Study guides, study games, links to resources, practice sheets, tutoring, and study sessions. Listen to the teacher, identify areas the teacher stresses or repeats often. Make a study group. Have parents or siblings help you study in the car or during periods of waiting. Use practice tests to identify areas of strength and weakness. Take extra time to focus and improve the weak areas.