

# Essay Exams

- **READ THE QUESTION:** Locate the key words of the question (see accompanying handout)
- **PLAN:** Plan your argument and/or response. **DO NOT JUMP IN – TAKE YOUR TIME!**
- **THESIS WRITING:** Make connections between your topics and the main question you are answering. Avoid repetition(s) whenever possible.
- **CHECKING:** Don't just "rush through". Check to see if your writing goals are being met.