Subject Specific Study & Test Writing Strategies

Focus: English

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Interact with the texts you have read. As yourself what sorts of questions the teacher is likely to ask.

Review themes, authors, poets. Create a chart for each work (e.g., plot points, character development (physical features), themes, motivations, allegiances, fates, setting, etc.)

Study key quotes. Most teachers emphasize certain quotes in a book which hold special symbolic, emotional, thematic, or dramatic significance. Be able to recognize these quotes and discuss who said them, where they are from, and what they mean.

Know, understand and be able to use literary items and devices

Be able to annotate
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Make sure you answer the question. Always refer back to the question throughout your answer. This point may sound like stating the obvious; but, in my experience, answering the wrong question is the biggest cause of a disappointing exam result.

Commentary:
- Create a brief outline
- Annotate the work
- Make references to work studied

Essay:
- Make an outline on scrap paper
- Outline should include: thesis, main arguments, and evidence.
Resources

- In Thinking website, http://www.thinkib.net/englishalanglit/page/2884/tips

- Study Guides and Strategies website, http://www.studygs.net/tsttak4.htm


- University of Wisconsin website, http://www.uwec.edu/geography/ivogeler/essay.htm