**SUCCESSFUL STUDY STRATEGIES**

**1. Identify the key concepts and terms that will be covered on the exam**

*Review your syllabus, textbook, and lecture notes for clues. Also, did the professor stress any key themes in lecture?*

**2. Study relationships and connections between concepts, terms, events, and theories**

*Create lists of terms and concepts that are grouped by category, and study concepts in relation to one another*

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| **Group 1**  | **Group 2** |
| Women’s suffrageElizabeth Cady StantonSeneca Falls Convention*The Revolution*Susan B. AnthonyLucretia MottAbolitionism  |  |
| **Group 3** | **Group 4** |
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**3. Identify the important, overall themes from the course**

*What were the overarching ideas presented or discussed?*

**4. Create charts comparing major theories, theorists, events, themes, etc.**

*Charts should include all relevant details, including similarities and differences between items*

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|  | **Descartes** | **Hume** | **Hobbes** |
| **Important Theories/Beliefs** |  |  |  |
| **Stance on Human Nature** |  |  |  |

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|  | **MacBeth** | **Hamlet** | **King Lear** |
| **Theme 1** |  |  |  |
| **Theme 2** |  |  |  |
| **Theme 3** |  |  |  |
| **Theme 4** |  |  |  |

**5. Write important information on note cards, and quiz yourself**

**6. Be prepared for big picture essay questions that ask you to think critically**

*Essay questions usually test your understanding of the course material as a whole. Here are some essay tips:*

* Anticipate essay questions. Make sure you understand the connections between ideas.
* Make sure you understand how everything fits together. What are the “big picture” or overarching concepts?
* Make sure you are able to identify key themes and discuss how the themes appear or are used in different works.
* You will likely be asked to apply your knowledge. Make sure you are comfortable comparing and contrasting ideas, discussing differences and similarities between theories and events, and applying the idea you studied to a new scenario.
* Practice writing outlines and essay responses before the exam so that you have experience writing about the topic before you begin the test.