

The background features a stylized mountain range. The upper portion consists of several overlapping mountain peaks in various shades of green, from a light sage green to a darker forest green. The lower portion is a solid, vibrant orange. A horizontal line with a rough, torn-paper texture separates the green mountain area from the orange area.

ENGLISH 50 FINAL EXAM

Things to Know. What to Expect. How to Prepare.

THINGS TO KNOW

- IN-CLASS ESSAY
- TIMED (2 HOURS)
- HANDWRITTEN
- PROMPT-BASED
- RUBRIC-GRADED
- “BLIND” GRADED

THINGS TO KNOW (CONTINUED)

- STUDENTS ARE GIVEN AN ARTICLE TO READ ONE WEEK BEFORE THE FINAL
- INSTRUCTORS ARE **NOT ALLOWED** TO DISCUSS THE ARTICLE WITH STUDENTS
- TUTORS AT THE WRITING CENTER ARE **NOT ALLOWED** TO DISCUSS THE ARTICLE
- INSTRUCTORS AND TUTORS ARE **NOT ALLOWED** TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC TOPIC OF THE ARTICLE, EITHER.

THINGS TO KNOW (CONTINUED)

IN THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE FINAL:

- STUDENTS **ARE ALLOWED** TO WRITE BRIEF NOTES ON THEIR COPY OF THE ARTICLE, BUT...
- STUDENTS **ARE NOT ALLOWED** TO PRE-WRITE OR OUTLINE ANY PORTIONS OF THEIR ESSAY ON THE ARTICLE.

THINGS TO KNOW (CONTINUED)

ON THE DAY OF THE FINAL:

- STUDENTS **MUST BRING** THEIR ANNOTATED COPY OF THE ARTICLE, BUT...
- STUDENTS **MAY NOT BRING** ANY PRE-WRITING NOTES, OUTLINES, OR ANY OTHER ARTICLES.

THINGS TO KNOW (CONTINUED)

ON THE DAY OF THE FINAL **STUDENTS**
MAY ALSO BRING:

- A DICTIONARY, THESAURUS, OR SPELL-CHECKER (good idea!)
- EXTRA PAPER (college-ruled)
- WHITE-OUT (good idea)
- EXTRA PENS (black or blue ink, required)

The background of the slide features a stylized mountain range. The mountains are represented by various shades of green and teal, with some peaks appearing as dark silhouettes. A prominent horizontal band of bright orange and yellow, with a textured, torn-paper-like edge, runs across the middle of the slide. The text is centered within this band.

PREPARING FOR THE ENGLISH 50 FINAL

What to Expect and How to Prepare

What to expect

You have been given an article to read in preparation for your final exam.

The issue addressed in the article should give you a general idea about the TOPIC you will be discussing.

However....

You won't know the specific question (prompt) you will be asked about the topic until the day of the final!

WILL YOU HAVE
SOMETHING TO SAY ON
THE DAY OF THE ENGLISH
50 FINAL?



OR WILL YOU BE LIKE A DRY
SPONGE?

NOTHING TO SAY...



“FILL YOUR MIND LIKE A SPONGE!”

Strategies for Preparing to Write Your English 50 Final:
Before, During, and After

BEFORE THE FINAL

- Understand the Reading
- Anticipate the Prompt
- Brainstorm for Ideas
- Talk About the Issue with Friends and Family
- Read About the Issue on the Internet or in the Library

DURING THE FINAL

BUDGET
YOUR
TIME!

You have two
hours to write.

Use your time
wisely!

USE THE 25/50/25 APPROACH TO TIME MANAGEMENT

(times are approximate)

25 % Pre-Writing

Spend about 30 minutes:

- Understanding prompt
- Crafting a thesis
- Sketching out a simple outline

50 % Writing

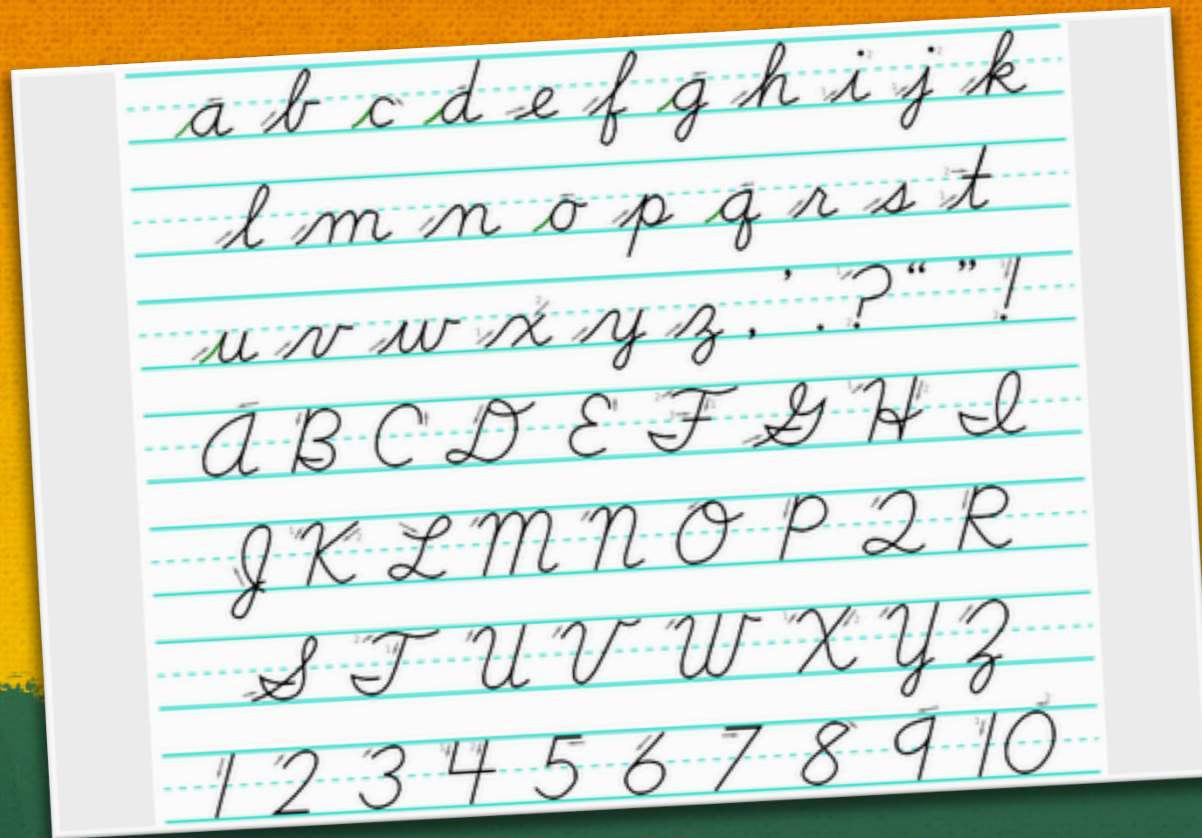
Spend about an hour writing:

- Follow your own outline
- Remember principles of good writing!
- Pause occasionally to re-read
- Continue writing

25 % Reviewing

Spend about 30 minutes making minor improvements to your paper:

- Re-Read your Essay as a Reader.
- Proofread for Grammar and Punctuation Errors
- Edit for Clarity, Conciseness, Style
- Check Your Spelling!
- Make Sure You've Followed Directions!



ONE LAST THING

Don't underestimate the importance of good penmanship!

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