**Tips for timed essays:**

* Spend a few minutes thinking, then at least a few minutes “prewriting” (outline, webs, whatever).
* When you get started writing, remember you are just writing one draft, so think about what you’re writing. However, don’t be afraid to neatly cross out a word, phrase or whole sentences if need be. Key here is NEATLY so it’s legible. You don’t want the instructor feeling like they are embarking on a scavenger hunt.
* Leave yourself enough time to: finish (an essay that just “stops” and is clearly unfinished is not good), and then proofread quickly.
* Gauge your own time … whatever works for you, but a good rule of thumb is for an hour long span of time: 5 minutes thinking, 10 minutes pre-writing, 35 minutes writing, and 10 minutes proofreading (Just a suggestion if you’re looking for one!)
* Whatever you choose to do time-wise, make sure you keep an eye on the clock so you don’t find yourself making your first point with 5 minutes left.