

Procrastinators, unite!

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A last-minute workshop for exam preparation



Let's get ready for our
exams!

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Goals of the Workshop

- (1) Time management: Learning to use your time in the best way, *how* you study versus *how much* you study
- (2) Stress management: Managing stress before and during the exam

Course: HI214: History of the Kardashians: How Kim Found Yeezus

Time Management

Tip #1

“High level” scan through your notes– identify the most important themes and facts of the course

- Eg: Don't read all of Kim's tweets about her relationship with Kanye. Find a BuzzFeed article with the top 10, and become familiar with those. Find the “high level” important dates – their meeting, engagement, and marriage.

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Tip #2

Find examples your professors used to illustrate different themes of the course and group them together

- Eg: Taylor Swift feud, Caitlyn Jenner, birth of their daughter

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Tip #3

Pick 2-3 main sources instead of going back and reading the entire course bibliography

- Eg: Kim's book *Selfish*, "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" episodes, The Life of Pablo album by Kanye

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Tip #4

- **Anticipating essay questions – think about questions you had during the course, and try to answer them. Check your notes for questions the professor asked during class, as they might be reused in the exam. Look up past exams to see the format and old questions.**
 - **Eg: How does the evolution of Kanye and Kim’s feud with Taylor Swift represent post-racial America? What does Caitlyn Jenner’s decision of how to come out illuminate about the Kardashian media empire? What are the existing theories for naming their daughter North?**

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Tip #5

Create an efficient outline – quality over quantity, one page maximum per course.

Theme #1 Taylor Swift feud

- Facts: historical precedent in 2009 when Kanye interrupted Taylor at the VMAs, more recent social media war in 2016
- Sources: (primary) Snapchat, Twitter (secondary) mtv.com, vox.com

Theme #2 Caitlyn Jenner

- Facts: coming out in 2015 on Diane Sawyer, appearing on *Vanity Fair* cover
- Sources: (primary) *Vanity Fair* cover story (secondary) *Washington Post* article about the cover story

Theme #3 Birth of their daughter

- Facts: her birthday is June 15, rumored that Simone Biles, American Olympic gymnast, wants to babysit her
- Sources: (primary) @itsbabynori Instagram (secondary) eonline.com

Stress Management

During the exam

- Read through the entire exam before starting to answer the questions
- Write any small pieces of information (names, dates, equations) at the top of the exam paper before you start in case you're worried you'll forget them in the moment
- Outline essays ON the exam paper - if you don't finish, the professor can see your work

Stress Management

Use the wording of the question to write your intro quickly and to structure your essay.

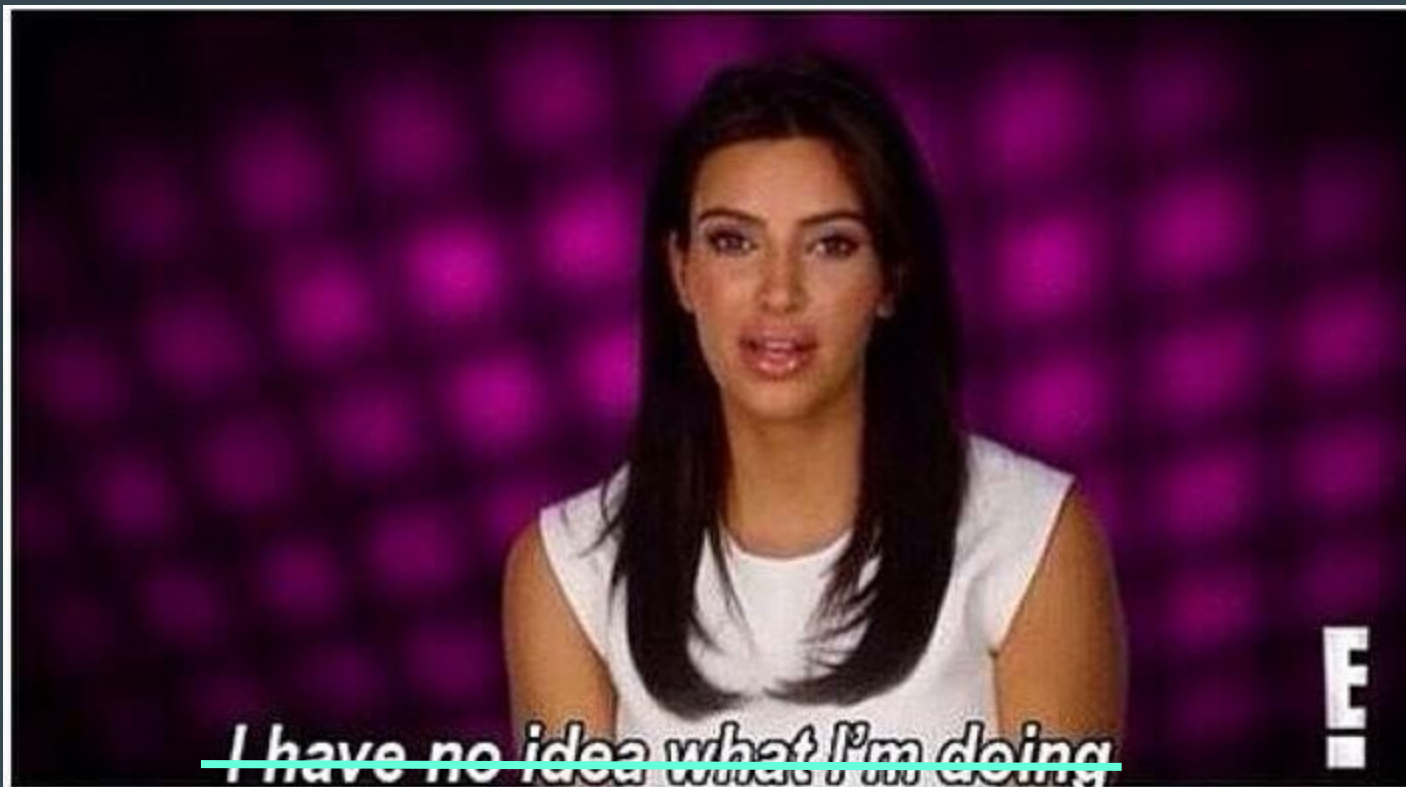
- Eg: How does the evolution of Kanye and Kim's feud with Taylor Swift represent post-racial America?
 - Intro: explaining the feud, referencing both 2009 & 2016 incidents, thesis statement
 - Paragraph 1: 2009 incident
 - Paragraph 2: 2016 incident
 - Conclusion: racial implications of the feud

Day of the Exam

- Read your notes over breakfast – focus on smaller facts > concepts
- Bring water and eat beforehand
- Try to sleep early the night before
- Arrive early so you aren't stressed
- Dress in layers so you're comfortable throughout
- Be sure to locate the room of the exam beforehand (we recommend finding it the day before so you don't get lost!)

Last Tips

- Referencing resources
 - Hardiman Library website
 - You likely won't have to use formal referencing style in an exam, but it shows familiarity with the sources.
 - Eg: Diane Sawyer interview with Caitlyn Jenner
- Academic Writing Centre – you can bring in an outline, or even your notes, and we can brainstorm with you!
- Your professor – don't be shy, email them if you have any questions!
- A study group – it's more efficient and fun to divide up revision of the material.



You'll be grand!