

**SUBJECT A**  
**Tips and Successful Strategies**

- Read/analyze passage carefully (30 min. is a good rule of thumb)
- Underline key words, make notes in the margin
- Consider paraphrasing each paragraph of the passage to enhance your comprehension
- Break down the prompt; address each task within your essay
- Brainstorm/Prewrite: Plan your response before you begin
- Let your ideas structure your essay, rather than letting your structure dictate your ideas (Thorough pre-writing is helpful, e.g. Listing, bubble clusters, outlining)
- Offer personal reflection of topic; personalize the prompt
- Proof your essay! Do not hesitate to make edits/corrections
- Read last sentence first, and so on, to identify weaknesses in grammar/punctuation