

## Studying for The Final

### Things *not* to do

1. (Re)read everything on the syllabus
2. Leave all your studying until the night before the exam.
3. Panic

### Things to do

1. Divide up the amount of work, do a reasonable amount each day between now & the exam. Be realistic.
2. Reread your notes from lecture, conference, and the texts. If you missed a day, try to borrow lecture notes from a friend or offer to exchange notes for days (s)he missed. If you don't remember a text very well, check the Web page: there are a lot of outlines of books (e.g. Herodotus) and study questions. Make sure you are secure on all of the primary readings before you review the secondary readings.
3. As you are reading your notes, organize the information (see possibilities below).
4. Practice answering old exam questions and study questions
5. Work in groups; share resources

### Ways to Organize the Readings & Your Notes

The following are suggestions for various ways people collect their thoughts in an organized manner before taking a final exam. You do not need to do all of them, but you might choose one or two.

1. Take summary notes on lecture notes, underlined parts of texts, secondary readings, etc.
2. Make a chart for each book we have read (these can be done with study partners--each person is assigned one or two books & charts are xeroxed & discussed with group members; each person should explain their chart & group members should have an opportunity to ask questions & add information). Chart should contain items such as main characters, plot, issues, themes, brief summary of key passages that correspond to each theme. (See Study Grid--Books)
3. Make a chart that compares works we have read this semester. Chart should include titles of works, main characters, themes, issues, historical situation, or other key information.  
(See Study Grid--Themes)
4. Make a chart for each theme, issue, discipline, or study question.  
(Comparable to above--see Study Grid--Disciplines)