## TOP 10 TIPS TO BETTER ESSAYS

- 1. Ask your professor if you have ANY questions about the assignment.
- 2. Start early never wait till the night before an assignment is due.
- 3. Start with graphic organizer, scratch outline, rough draft
- 4. Map/outline your ideas before drafting.
- 5. Once you've written a draft, reread the assignment to be sure you've understood and covered what was asked AND
  - a) make a clear assertion of your point;
  - b) provide details, examples, evidence, etc. to support the assertion;

c) explain how this support demonstrates the persuasiveness of the assertion.

- 6. Revise, revise, revise.
- 7. Proofread as the last step, starting with the LAST sentence and working toward the beginning.