VHS Tips for Success

* Read your teacher’s Welcome email and respond. Share a bit about yourself and your goals for the course – include your learning style or any challenges you have with the subject.
* Regularly check your VHS email and read your teacher’s email. Teachers will often share helpful feedback by email.
* Work through the course in the order in which it is laid out, whenever possible. Courses are structured to build on prior understanding and skills.
* Complete skill-based assessments (e.g. thesis writing practice discussion, essay skills quiz).
* Don’t skip content to get to the assessments – there is valuable information in the content to help you put in your best efforts on assignments.
* Complete most (AFL) assessments for teacher feedback. This is a great opportunity to ensure you understand concepts and are on the right track. Teachers can also use ungraded assessments as evidence of further learning when determining a final course grade.
* Review the formatting module in the introduction unit early and refer back to it when completing assessments.
* Submit assessments as you finish them – avoid submitting multiple assessments close together. Wait for feedback on an assessment before submitting the next assessment.
* Review next assignment to ensure you are applying teacher’s feedback. Teachers look for this.
* Ask your teacher questions and seek feedback through email. You can send in a thesis statement or draft of a paragraph for approval before submitting the final assignment.
* Check the assessment for the end of each unit AND for the end of the course as you may need to gather information throughout the course for the final project.
* Take notes as you view the content. You can use the audio feature and listen while you read.
* Follow the Pacing Guides and set up the Checklist feature
* Use the tutoring service when needed – keep in mind:
* Tutors cannot view VHS content
* Be specific and have the question(s) or prompt ready
* You may try to request the same tutor if possible