

General comments on the PE

- The AoKs are Math, Natural Science, Human Science, the Arts and History. Ethics is not a AoK, but rather a feature of all AoKs
- Avoid over generalization. Use specific well explored examples.
- Provide context for your examples
- The reader should not have to guess at your argument. Theses and topic sentences are very important in helping the reader to understand the direction of your essay.
- All parts of the essay MUST focus on the PT. Avoid lots of description.
- The best essays were a meditation on the what natural science does well and what it is incapable of.

- Generally avoid non-specific personal examples
- The best essays offered a consistent argument, not a collection of unrelated examples. Work on developing a thread that connects all parts of your essay (the metaphor for the paper is a stream and not islands)
- Your essay should focus on the natural sciences and ONE other AoK
- Religion is not an AoK, nor does it fit into any of the other AoKs
- Depth over breadth
- Be direct and to the point. Your model for writing should be Hemingway not Faulkner