

## Taking a Matching Exam

1. **READ THE DIRECTIONS:** Remember to read the directions carefully before you begin the exam. It is easy to lose points if you don't follow the directions.
2. **DETERMINE THE PATTERN OF THE MATCHING QUESTIONS:** Take a moment before you begin answering questions to determine exactly what is being matched. Are they people with quotes, words with definitions, events with descriptions?
3. **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS YOU KNOW FIRST:** Often answers to questions you don't know are supplied in other questions. Go back to answer the difficult questions later.
4. **CHOOSE THE LONGEST COLUMN TO READ FIRST:** One column will generally have more reading material than the other. If you begin by reading the column with the greatest amount of reading, matching it to the column with the least amount of reading, you can avoid having to reread the lengthy material each time.
5. **WITH EACH ANSWER, CROSS OUT THE ITEMS USED FROM BOTH COLUMNS:** This will help you save time by not rereading the material and help you answer more difficult questions by visually taking you through the process of elimination.