EDUC 300 Philosophy of Education

**Mid-term test study guide**

* The test is over the court cases, historical eras, and philosophies (through chapter 9).
* The test is open book, open notes.
* The test will start at 6:45pm and be due in Canvas at 9:45pm.
* Please type all your answers in one Word document, including the question numbers, and use headings to indicate when you switch to discussing a new case, era, or philosophy.
* Don’t worry about spelling, punctuation, and grammar – but I do need to be able to read it!
* Bring your power cord and plan to save often.

**Questions:**

* The first question is about relating court cases to historical eras – I’ll tell you how many of each on the test itself. *25 points – 20-25 minutes.*
	+ How to prepare: Be able to quickly locate and choose the most important details of the cases and how they relate specifically to the historical eras.
	+ Be ready to do critical thinking on all this – e.g., analysis and evaluation (that is, comparisons, contrasts, and making judgments based on moral, ethical, and legal standards).
* The second and third questions involve comparing and contrasting different philosophies on the issues below – I’ll tell you which and how many philosophies to choose from and how to compare them on the test itself.
One question is worth *40 points (35-40 minutes),* and one is worth 35 points *(30-35 minutes).*
	+ How to prepare: Have at your fingertips but also have a thorough grasp of the relationship of each of the following to each of the philosophies you end up writing about:
		1. metaphysics, epistemology, and axiology
		2. views of the student, teacher, curriculum, and purpose of schooling
		3. values, aesthetics, and vocation
		4. Related to your own educational experiences
		5. Christian perspective / Reformed worldview

**The Philosophies:**

* Traditional Philosophies
	+ Idealism
	+ Realism
	+ Neo-scholasticism
* Modern and Postmodern Philosophies
	+ Pragmatism
	+ Existentialism
	+ Postmodernism
* Contemporary Theories
	+ Progressivism
	+ Humanism
	+ Perennialism
	+ Essentialism
	+ Reconstructionism
	+ Futurism
	+ Critical Pedagogy
	+ Behaviorism
	+ Deschooling
	+ Home Schooling
	+ Analytic Philosophy