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