You can use this checklist to help you with the four main steps of writing. Note that you will **not** be able to bring this on test day.

Key Steps of Writing

Brainstorming

• Make notes of ideas (good or bad) to stimulate your imagination.

Making an Outline

- Select your best ideas.
- Plan the overall organization of your response.

Writing

- Turn your ideas into sentences and paragraphs.
- Have a topic sentence, supporting details, and concluding sentence in each paragraph.
- **Separate your paragraphs**; indent the first sentence or leave a space between paragraphs.

Checking Your Work

Check spelling, punctuation, and grammar.