Concept Cards for Humanities

In some courses (Humanities I-III, American Civilization, various non-Western civilizations) we need a different kind of concept card. What we need to remember about the key persons and events is their identity and significance.

On the back of the card, identify the individual or event to distinguish her, him, or it completely.

Then indicate the significance of this individual or event. Why do we still learn about this after so many centuries?

Here are two examples -- concept cards for Hannibal and Stoics:

- Carthaginian general, archenemy of Rome
  - Devastated Italy in 2nd Punic War; Threatened Roman control of Italy (Took elephants over Alps)

- Followers of Zeno and adherents to most popular Hellenistic philosophy
  - Natural law; all humans are brothers/sisters; don’t fight fate
For Humanities and other history and civilization courses, it is important to know the key people and events very well. Two things we should know are the identity and the significance of each major person and event. The sample concept card above shows a major event from a Humanities I textbook; the sample card below shows a major individual from the same source.