

QUIZ AND TEST POLICIES **EIGHTH GRADE AMERICAN HISTORY – RUTKOWSKI**

Quizzes – Practice for the unit tests ***NO STUDY TOOL NEEDED TO RETAKE***

Quizzes are considered practice for the unit tests.

- Initially, quizzes will be graded and recorded in MISTAR so that students and parents may be aware of progress.
- Once the unit test is given, quiz scores will be listed as “non-graded” in MISTAR. While the scores will still be visible, they will no longer be counted/calculated in the students’ grades.
- Students may retake the practice quizzes up until the day before the unit test.
- Students are not required to make a study tool for quiz retakes but are encouraged to review materials before retaking.
- Retakes are done only at the beginning of class.

Tests

Unit tests are divided into sections called learning targets. Each learning target will have 3-8 questions on the test and each target will be recorded separately in MISTAR with a short description. (For example, Foundations/Experiences, Foundations/Ideas, Foundations/Interactions, etc.)

Retakes:

- Students may retake any of the learning targets on which they have not done well.
- There will be two dates for test retakes, which will be announced when tests are returned. Retakes will be done during lunch.
- In order to do a retake, a study tool must be made for each learning target retake and turned in.
 - Study tool options available from me: Concept map, Narrow the Focus, Doodle the Concept.
 - Student may make their own study tool like a Quizlet or flashcards; however, this is not always the best option for complex topics or concepts.
- If a student has several learning targets to retake, it is best to do only one or two at a time.
- Retakes scores replace the original score and will be noted in MISTAR.

Corrections:

- Students also have the option to complete test corrections; however their grade will only be raised to a 2.3.
- No study tool is needed to complete corrections.
- All corrections must be written in complete sentences and must be completed before the next test is given.

Some tips: Several of the team teachers are allowing corrections and retakes. This can greatly increase a student’s work load when combined with regular homework. So...

Try not to develop the attitude that the opportunity for retakes/corrections means you do not have to prepare for quizzes and test.