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Quiz Study Strategies

1. In class - copy the focus questions off the board at the start of class
2. Answer these questions (using specific content details) throughout class or when you get home
3. Review these in preparation for the quiz

Test Study Strategies

1. Pre-write a detailed answer to each question in the study guide
2. Have a partner (parent or student) proofread for:
 - a. Logic and readability (clarity of your explanation)
 - b. Adequate supporting content (compare to notes)
3. Make index cards with:
 - a. The question on side 1
 - b. Key facts and content to answer it in bullet form on side 2
4. Rank the Questions in order:
 - a. The ones you know best to the ones you know least
 - b. Focus on the ones you know least
5. Have a partner (parent or student) quiz you on questions using your study guide
6. Remember – Social Studies is the story of people! – Can you tell this story and the key lessons to be learned from it? Summarize the unit to a partner and answer whatever questions they may have. **PARTNER** – ask for specifics!
7. Print a blank copy of the study guide to take as a practice test
 - a. Score it by comparing to your notes

Test Taking Strategies

As soon as you get the test – jot down key facts or content for each question into the test margins

Answer multiple choice first – they will contain details you can use to answer the rest of the questions

When you write your answers:

1. Start with the questions you know best and will have the easiest time answering
2. Move on to the harder questions (start with the shortest of hard questions so you get them out of the way quickly)
3. Refer back to the key facts you listed on the test and make sure you included all of them in your answer