

Facing History Weekly News Quizzes

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The goals of the weekly news quizzes is to have students develop a regular habit of following the international news; familiarize themselves with international events, issues, vocabulary and geography; practice multiple choice test taking; and become critical viewers of the news.

- * **You are expected read/listen/watch all posts on *OxFeed* daily.**
- * **You are expected to read all New Handouts give out in class.**
- * You must discipline yourself to develop the habit of following the news daily and learning major vocabulary, characters, areas, issues and events.
- * We will emphasize news that is cumulative, building from previous news.
- * We will introduce and evaluate different forms of news (print and online newspapers, TV news, radio, blogs), different genres of news (reporting, analysis, editorials, etc.) and different news sources (liberal and conservative, US and international, etc.).
- * The quizzes will give you experience in practicing multiple-choice test taking strategies (process of elimination, educated guesses, etc.).
- * A quiz can be given any day and include questions from information in any article posted or given out at least 24 hours prior to the quiz.
- * You must sit one person per side of the table and keep your eyes on your own paper during all tests and quizzes.
- * You must be honest and trustworthy and not cheat.
- * For the first 6 weeks you will be able to bring your own handwritten notes to class to read during the quizzes.
- * Answers will be reviewed after each news quiz. Since many issues will appear on the quiz each week (Arab/Israeli conflict, War in Iraq, etc.), you should take notes on the answer sheets and review these notes regularly
- * You can NOT make-up news quizzes but you will NOT be penalized for absences.
- * Your average from your news quizzes each cycle will be averaged with your other tests (geography, history, etc.) to give you your Vocabulary Score each cycle
- * You must average 70% on your vocabulary score for the cycle and year to meet expectations and complete your global studies portfolio.
- * Students who consistently score less than 70% on the quizzes are expected to attend weekly review sessions each Tuesday at lunch.

Strategies students have found helpful:

- 1) Have regular conversations with friends and family about the international news.
- 2) Take notes while reading and note key vocabulary (people, events, conflicts, etc.) that you do not understand.
- 3) Keep and review copies of previous news quiz answer sheets with your notes.
- 4) Ask questions in class, to the TAs, or to friends or family members.
- 5) Hang in there, it takes time to become fluent with all this information.