

Test Corrections

Test corrections are a simple way for you to earn back *some* of the credit you lost on the bigger unit exams (weekly quizzes are not available for test corrections). They also ensure that you learn the material you'll need to be familiar with, potentially, on future unit review tests and the May AP World exam.

The correction process is simple. Follow the steps below and use the model I provide as a jumping off point for your corrections.

1. Include an analysis and explanation of why the answer you selected is wrong and why the correct answer is correct.
 - Don't belabor it, but make sure you show you know what the correct answer is AND why.
 - Use the text, your notes, and the web as needed.
 - DO NOT copy the question down. I just need the question number.
2. Really quickly at the end of the correction, identify the type of question you goofed on from the list below this. It's possible that it fits more than one category. If you select the "exclusion" type, you will need to select a second type to further qualify it.
 - Exclusion ("All of the following EXCEPT ...") / Comparative / Single Country or Region / Global / Stimulus (graph, chart, map, picture, passage) / Chronology
 - We're trying to see if there's a pattern to the type of question(s) you're missing on these tests
3. Identify which unit it's from:
 - 8000 BCE- 600 BCE / 600 BCE – 600 CE / 600-1450 / 1450-1750 / 1750-1914 / 1914-Present
4. Finally, AP multiple choice questions are both a test of your knowledge of world history AND reading. Tell which one of these it was (KNOWLEDGE or READING).
 - Did you miss this question because of the world history content OR knowledge?
 - *I just didn't know the answer ...*
 - Or did you misread it
 - *I just didn't pay attention to key words in the question or read the choices (all of the choices) very carefully and critically ...*
5. AT THE VERY END OF ALL YOUR CORRECTIONS, not after each, do an analysis/reflection of your ENTIRE set of test corrections.
 - In sum, what's your plan for doing better on the next unit review test?
 - What type of questions do you seem to miss and thus need to focus on?
 - Which unit seems to be the most troublesome for you?
 - Are you typically missing questions because you just don't know the answer ... or are you typically missing questions because of your reading process? Or both.
 - If nothing changes, nothing changes. So, what's your plan for doing something different in prepping for and taking the test next time?

EXAMPLE:

11. Which of the following is NOT an accurate statement about Confucianism?
- A) The ethical system is primarily concerned with relationships.
 - B) Specific duties are tied to one's status in society.
 - C) It prescribes the correct organization of the state to achieve the maximum benefits for the most members of society.
 - D) People are basically good and evil arises as a result of improper education.
 - E) Only those who are devout and lead moral lives will achieve eternal salvation.

E is the correct answer. It uses the phrase eternal salvation, a concept which isn't associated with Confucianism, which is more of a philosophy regarding social roles and relationships, one meant to restore social and political order to China. Salvation is mainly a concern with the Western, monotheistic religions. All the other answers are true, accurate, reasonable statements of Confucianism, so the one that doesn't fit is E.. EXCLUSION, Unit 2 600 BCE – 600 CE, KNOWLEDGE Question

FINAL ANALYSIS EXAMPLE:

Most of the questions I missed were of the exclusion or chronology type. Lots of times these two go hand in hand. I seem to understand what happened and the effect but I don't always know when. So, when I have to find the wrong answer within a certain time era I am not successful because it is hard for me to separate my knowledge. I know about China, but sort of as a mix. I cannot separate the different dynasties and such. I missed these same kinds of questions last time, which means I did not study adequately. I could make myself a time line and study that as well as know more details. If I know more of the details I can exclude the wrong answer easier. Sometimes I also have the wrong assumptions which lead to a wrong answer. So, to study further, I will create a timeline and perhaps make some flashcards for myself.