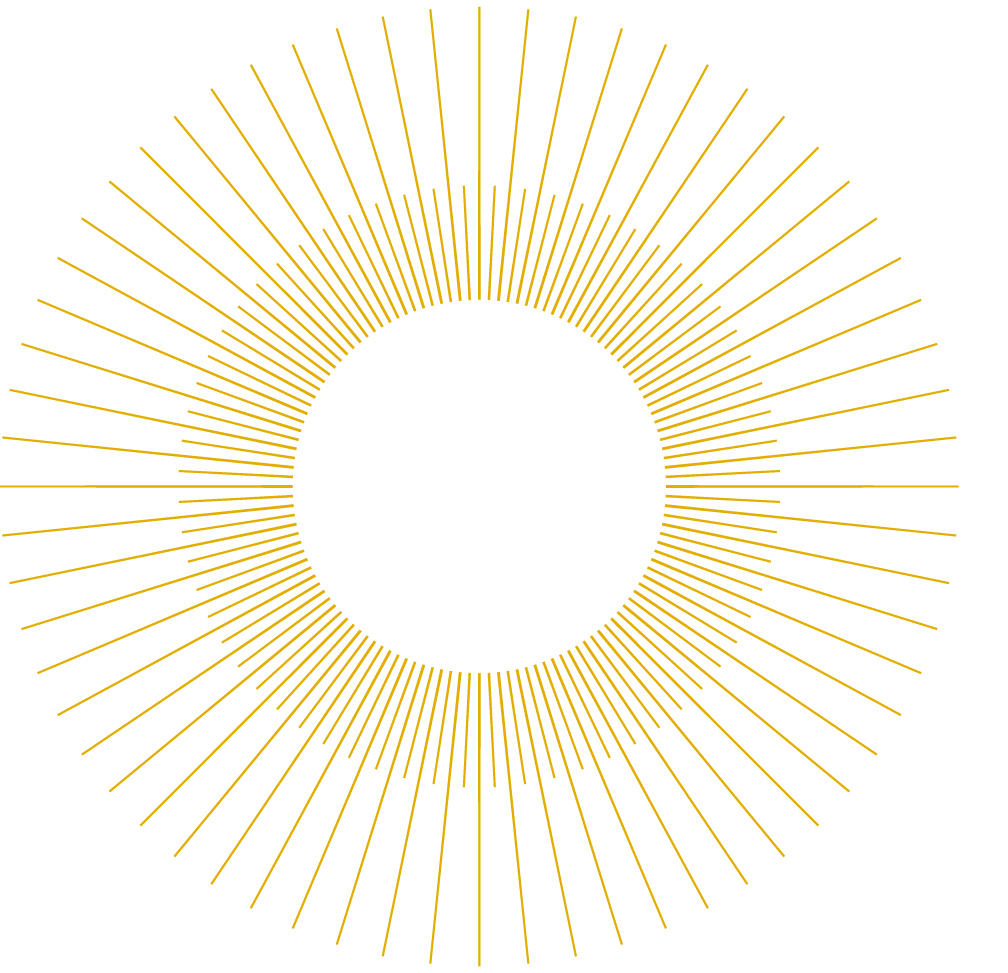
**Informal Quiz – Not your usual quiz**

Are you tired of students asking “Will this be on the test?” “Do I have to know this?” Here is a solution…… Not only will this eliminate these questions, it will provide both you and the student an idea of what they know. It will also act as a study guide.

1. Take any topic or reading
2. Write up questions (not too many – a half a dozen or so)
3. At the beginning of class tell the students this is an informal quiz.

INSTRUCTIONS

* Tell the students if they know the answer – just write the answer.
* Tell the students if they don’t know the answer – write down the question.
* Verbally ask the questions – give some time for them to write the answer or question.
* Now tell the students that this is the informal part – if they think they know the answer to any of the questions – that is where you will start.
* As you get an answer write it on the board – ask the rest of the class if they agree or not – or delve deeper into the answer – ask why – if appropriate.
* Go through the rest of the quiz this way, students answering the questions they think they might know.
* IF you have one student doing all the answering – get them to be the scribe on the board.
* Now – you get to see what the students are not sure about
* Now – get them to refer to their notes or books for the answers to the other questions.
* OR put them in groups and have them come up with the answers to share with the class (divide and conquer).

This activity provides students with a study guide – as they wrote down the answers to what they know – so they can formulate the question and then study for the questions they did not know – since they wrote them down.

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