

#### Before your start a Test:

Check your computer settings like:

- Internet connection
- Disable popup blockers and/ or firewalls
- Make sure your computer is free of viruses and/or spyware

Close all other programs running on your computer before you start an exam on Blackboard

Do not take a test with other applications running in the background, such as a movie, music, e-mail, or IM (instant messaging)





Be certain that you are ready to take the test and have set aside time in which you will be free from interruptions **before** clicking on the link to the test





Warning!

- Do not enter any test or exam until you are ready to take it!

- Once you click "Begin" to enter a test, Blackboard counts this as an attempt at the test, even if you only look at the test and do not answer any questions



#### Before Taking a Blackboard Test: (Cont'd):

- Find out the dates that the test will be available in the course and take your test as soon as you are ready
- Do not wait until the last day to take a test in Blackboard. If you have technical difficulties or lose your connection, there may not be enough time for you to solve the issue, and you may not be permitted to complete or re-take your exam





• Important: Your instructor is the only one who can clear an incomplete attempt from your record, so you must try to contact him/her immediately by sending an email. Go to TOOLS, then click on Send Email, select "All instructors Users" and send an email.



#### How to Start taking a test:

All the assessments like Quizzes, Midterms and Final Exams are posted in the "Assignments" section

Announcements		
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Click on the link to start taking the test



#### While You Are Taking a Blackboard Test

Due: Sunday AUGUST 4th by midnight (end of the day)

- Read the instructions for the test carefully: each Blackboard test may be set up differently by your instructor
- The options for each test will be listed at the top in the **Instructions** area. It is very important that you read your instructor's directions carefully



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Some tests may be taken more than once, while others can only be taken once. Your instructor will inform you if the test can be taken more than once.



#### **Remember:**

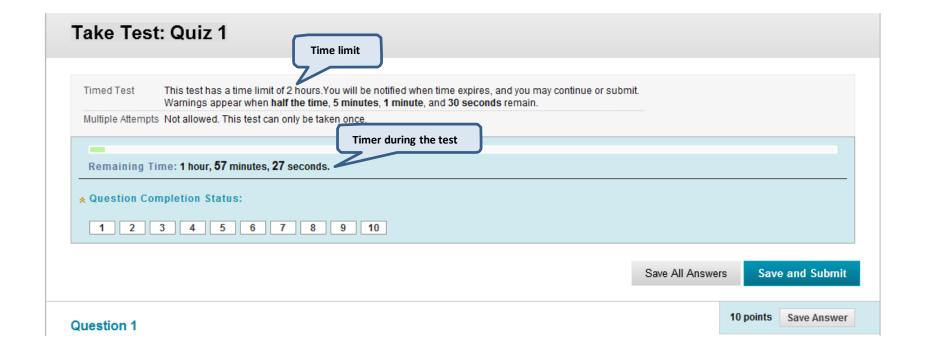
Once you begin taking the test, you are required to work until you finish it. As soon as you leave the test, whether or not you have actually clicked the "Submit" button, your attempt is recorded in your Grade book (Results Center) as completed

- If you leave the quiz without completing it, you will not be able to come back and finish it. If this happens, contact your Instructor via email
- All of the questions appear on one web page. Each question has a "Save Answer" button next to it, you can save each question you have answered as you go. Doing so should help protect you in case of technical difficulties



All tests are timed: The instructor has set a time limit. The elapsed time appears at the top of the test, and you will receive a 1-minute warning when time is up

- You must finish the test before the time elapsed to prevent technical problems

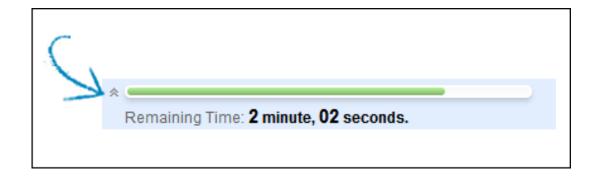




#### **Timed Tests:**

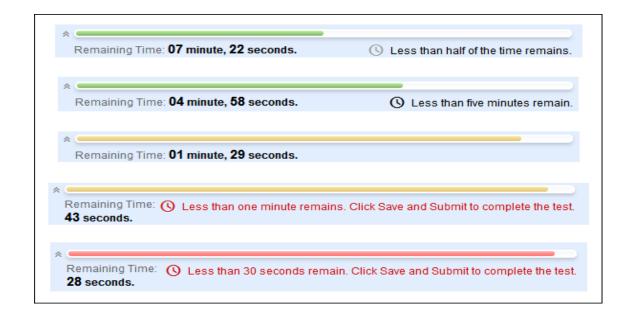
- If your instructor chooses a timed test, the scheduled time is included in the instructions before you begin
- The total time you spent on the test is recorded and available to the instructor when the test is submitted
- If the auto-submit feature is selected, when the timer runs out, the test saves and submits and the "Test Submitted" page appears

  The remaining time appears on the test page. Click the chevron next to the timer to collapse or expand it:





- Timer warnings appear when half the time, five minutes, one minute, and thirty seconds remain
- When the remaining time reads 1 minute, 30 seconds, the status bar will turn yellow
- At 1 minute, the warning will be red, and at 30 seconds, both the status bar and the warning are red. If the timer is collapsed, the color changes are not visible







#### **During the test remember this:**

Do not resize or refresh the window during a test

Do not click anywhere *outside* the test area during an exam Do not close the window of the test for any reason

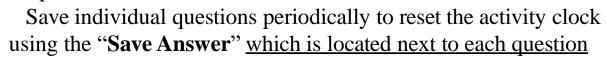
Never click the "Back" button or the "Refresh" button on your web browser

while you're taking a test

#### You can:

Answer all the questions of the test

Stay active in the test window. The assessment feature in Blackboard is set to time out after a certain number of minutes of inactivity (20min). You must do more than just type or click answers to keep the test active



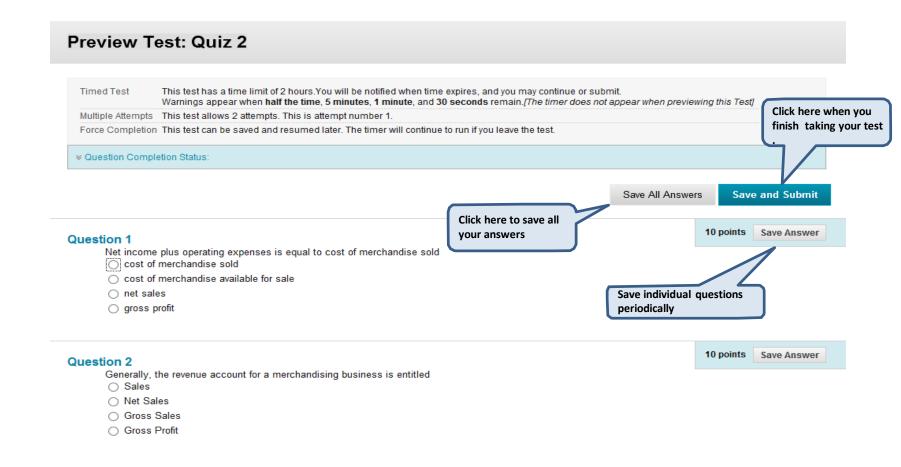
Review all of your answers before submitting the exam

Make sure to click the "Save and Submit" (blue button) <u>ONLY</u> <u>ONCE</u> when you are done with the test. You will not get credit for your answer (s) unless you have clicked "Save and Submit"





As you work, click "Save Answer" next to each question or "Save All Answers" at the top or bottom of the page





#### **Question Completion Status:**

- The question completion status indicator provides an up-to- date look at complete or incomplete questions in a test
- The status of which questions have been answered is displayed at the top of the page. Click the chevron next to question completion status to collapse/expand it

#### Preview Test: Quiz 2

Timed Test This test has a time limit of 2 hours. You will be notified when time expires, and you may continue or submit.

Warnings appear when half the time, 5 minutes, 1 minute, and 30 seconds remain.[The timer does not appear when previewing this Test]

Multiple Attempts This test allows 2 attempts. This is attempt number 1.

Force Completion This test can be saved and resumed later. The timer will continue to run if you leave the test.

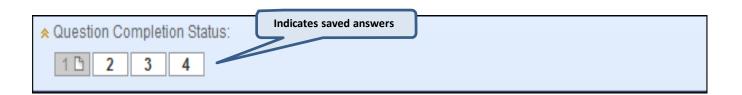
▼ Question Completion Status:

Click here to collapse/expand, and to see answered questions



#### **Question Completion Status:**

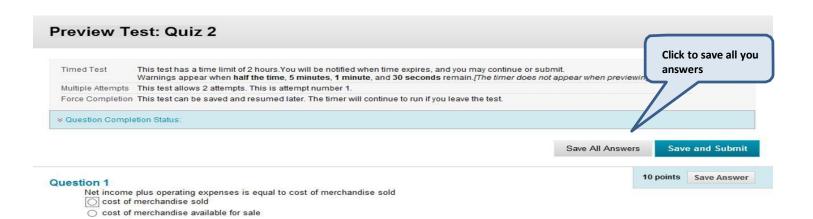
- When you answer a question and move to the next question in a question-by-question test, the status box is edited on the next question to show that the previous question was answered
- If you do not answer a question and move on to the next page in a question-by-question test, the status box will show on the next page that the previous question was not answered. Navigate between questions by clicking on the question number in the status indicator





#### **Question Completion Status:**

- When you take an all-at-once test (a test where the questions all appear on the same page), click "Save Answer" to save a specific question without scrolling to the bottom of the page to save
- Saving either a single question or all of the questions that have been answered (with the Save All Answers at the top or bottom of the page) causes the status indicator to show which questions have been completed



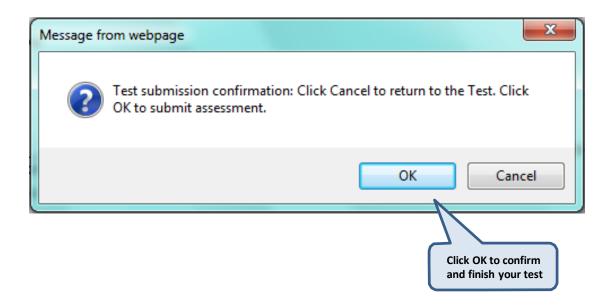


# After Taking a Blackboard Test: Confirmation of Test Submission

- After you click the "Save and Submit" button you should see a confirmation and/or feedback for the test results
- -To check your test grade click the " $\mathbf{OK}$ " button. You will then see the following:
- Your score for the exam (if enabled by your instructor) or a "Needs Grading" icon which ( ) means the test is submitted but not yet graded by the instructor (in case of essay questions or fill in the blank)



- If you cannot confirm that your test has been successfully submitted, contact your instructor
- If your instructor is not available contact the Online Learning Department for assistance





#### **Feedback and Grades:**

After submitting a test you will receive a confirmation message click "**OK**" to view your grade





#### **Feedback and Grades:**

- The majority of questions in tests are auto-graded
- You may see your score immediately after completing the test if all questions are auto-graded and your instructor releases this information
- Essay questions, file response, and short answer questions are not auto-graded. Your instructor must grade these questions manually. If a test contains these question types, the grade for the test is released after your instructor finishes grading



#### **Feedback and Grades:**

The performance results you receive after completing a test depend on the options selected by your instructor. Feedback includes one or more of the following: final score for the test, submitted answered, correct answers and feedback for the questions

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User	Sandra Lomena	
Course	Hispanic American Literature	
Test	Quiz 1	
Started	9/25/13 12:09 PM (EXT.)	
Submitted	9/25/13 12:19 PM IIII	
Due Date	6/30/13 11:59 PM	
Status	Needs Evaluation	
Attempt Scor	e 50 out of 100 points	
Time Elapse	Time Elapsed 10 minutes out of 2 hours.	
Instructions		
Question 1		0 out of 10 point
		o out of 10 points
The	vessel commanded by Cabeza de Vaca landed at	
Question 2		10 out of 10 point
Cal	beza de Vaca's book about his adventures, La Relación (The Account), was originally written after his return to Spain in 1537 as	
Question 3		10 out of 10 point
Ins	tead of killing the Spaniards, the native Karankawas made them	
Question 4		10 out of 10 point
Cal	beza de Vaca accepted his fate during his life between the indigenous	