**Preparing for the Regents Exam**

**A.** **Format of the Regents Exam**

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| Part 1  Multiple Choice Questions | 50 questions |
| Part 2  DBQ Essay | a. Scaffolding Questions (about 12)  b. Essay |
| Part 3  Thematic Essay | This will be based on prior knowledge (but you will be given choices) |

*Which part of the Regents exam do you think will be the most difficult for you? Why?*

*What can you do to improve your performance on this part?*

*Write down the websites here:*

**B. Passing Score**

Unfortunately, the “grading grid” changes for every Regents exam, and you are the first group taking this exam, so the grid will be different. However, this grid from June 2016’s exam will give you a decent idea of what it takes to pass the Global Regents.

*What does it take to get a passing score on the Global Regents?*

**C. Test Taking Tips**

Study Tips

* Study in a place that is free of distractions.
* Study at a time when you are alert and not hungry or sleepy.
* Don't wait until the last minute to study
* Repetition is key! Read and reread your class notes and the relevant chapters in the textbook.
* While you are reviewing your notes, cover them up periodically and summarize them out loud. Pretend that you are explaining the material to someone else.

What Can You Do The Day Of The Test

* Arrive early on the test day. Rushing to a test or arriving late can destroy your concentration.
* Be sure to allow enough time to answer all parts of the test, not just the hard parts or the parts you know best. Don’t spend too much time on one section
* Write neatly.
* Check your answers. If you finish a test before your time is up, don’t hand in your test. Use the extra time to check over your answers.

How To Take An Exam

* Don’t leave an answer blank.If necessary, make educated guesses.
* Don’t get stuck. Come back to it later if you need to.

If You Don’t Know The Answer, Follow These Steps:

* 1. Get rid of the answers you know are wrong
  2. Which of these things is not like the other?
  3. Did the question mention a czar, Buddha or some other key word, which may give you a clue to the possible answer?
  4. Think about the time period. What are the people wearing? What else was happening at the time?
  5. As a last resort, go with you FIRST impression/your gut.

*List 3 things you will do to improve your test taking skills.*