**Introduction Letter for Using Study.com**

Dear parent and student-

Since you and you student are new to using Study.com, we have created this letter to help you get started.

**Study advice:**

Each lesson is one video, or one long transcript. You have access to both. You may read, watch listen or all three. You may revisit the material as many times as you need to. You may take the test more than once**.**

**When you are studying each lesson, please take notes. You may use whatever format you would like, but we have found** [*CORNELL NOTES*](http://coe.jmu.edu/learningtoolbox/cornellnotes.html) to be especially helpful. For some students, doodling pictures to represent information is helpful

When taking notes, make sure the you do at least this:

1. Define any word that is **bold** in the transcript…or defined on the video

2. After each chunk (paragraph in writing) of information, write the main point.

3. When watching a video, if there is text on the screen, it IS important. The pictures and other talking usually illustrate the topic that is in TEXT. Write it down.

4. In any note-taking situation, it is important to notice how the quizzes, notes and tests relate to each other.  In Study.com, the following becomes clear:

A. It is not easy to predict what will be on the quiz from the video. Luckily, the quiz has answers that are easy to find in the text transcript below the video. It is fine to look at the transcript after the quiz to find the right answers for the questions you missed. Please take the time to do this before retaking the test.

B. The chapter test is based on the EXACT SAME QUESTIONS that were found on the quizzes...SO...

C. During the quizzes, which are open-note, I would make sure I had notes on everything from the chapter, ***and that I had the right answers***.  I would ***highlight*** these parts of my notes.

D. You can also copy and paste the questions and correct answers from your quiz, and create flash cards for yourself. Practicing these on paper, or even better, on [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) , results in better test scores.

E. I would only study the highlighted parts/flashcards for the chapter tests.

5. ***If you are having problems*** playing the Study.com videos, make sure you have downloaded the most recent JavaScript, Flash and have cookies enabled.

6. If a video stops playing a few minutes in and asks you to [purchase a membership, please know that this means your video has expired. They only last 30 days. Please contact your mentor teacher to have the videos resent to you.

Good luck and happy learning!