

## Study Island

### Home Instructions and Technical Specifications:

**Note:** Please feel free to contact Study Island at 800-419-3191 or support@studyisland.com if you have any further questions.

#### **Using Study Island from Home:**

Although almost any Web browser can be used to access the basic tests, students need to use specific browsers to be able to play the games. Supported browsers for games are:

#### **Microsoft Windows:**

Internet Explorer 4.0 and up, Netscape 4.0 and up, Firefox 1.0 and up.

#### **Mac OS 9.2 and earlier versions:**

Netscape 4.7 and up. Internet Explorer will work for the Test Mode, but students will not be able to play the games. Netscape version 4.7 is recommended.

#### **Mac OSX:**

Safari 1.2 (requires Mac OS 10.3) or Netscape 7.02. The Test Mode will work on Safari 1.0-1.1, Internet Explorer 4.0 and up, Firefox 1.0 and up, and Netscape 7.1 and up, but the games will not work on these versions. Recommended: Safari 1.2

Follow the **instructions** below in order to use the program:

1. Go to [www.studyisland.com/](http://www.studyisland.com/)
2. Students enter their username and password at the upper-left of the screen, and click "Login". Username: first initial, last name @nb
3. Once logged in, the teacher's Web-page will appear if assignments are posted with instructions and or notes related to the assignment. If there are no assignments posted, students are encouraged to work independently in any of the appropriate topics by clicking on the section tab (e.g., math, reading, etc.) and continuing with the instructions below.
4. Click the "Pretest" in order to begin the pretest for the section. You must complete 10 pretest questions before moving on to the topic in the section.
5. Once you complete the "Pretest," you may work through the remainder of the topics in any order you like. You must "pass" all topics before taking the "Post Test".

6. To pass a topic, you must satisfy the topic's passing requirements which are based on a minimum number of questions answered (usually 10) and a minimum percentage correct (around 70%). A blue ribbon icon is displayed next to all passed topics.
7. Once you have passed all the topics in the section, you have to pass the "Post Test" for the section before the section is complete. Ignore this step if the section has no "Post Test".

### **My High Scores:**

Click on the link in the left-hand sidebar. Here a user will be able to see the highest scores that they have received while playing the games. The information is listed by date, topic, what game they played, and what position they ranked. **Note: High scores relate to how the student played the games, not necessarily the academic content.**

### **Message Center:**

**NOTE: Teachers may choose not to use this feature of the program**

This feature allows student and teachers to communicate via Study Island. Messages can be sent from the "Message Center" link on the left-side of the page. Students can send and receive messages from their teachers but cannot send messages to other students.

### **Remedial Topics (Building Block Topics):**

If a student is having difficulty passing a topic, a hazard symbol will appear next to the topic and often an additional topic will show up below. The new topic displayed is a remedial topic, also referred to as a Building Block Topic, and has a lower difficulty level. The student can no longer attempt the original topic until he or she has passed Building Block Topic. Passing the Building Block Topic is represented by a white ribbon icon.

### **Troubleshooting:**

For the program to work properly, your browser must be set to accept JavaScript and style sheets. If you wish to use the games feature, you also need to install and enable Flash and Java Applets which is the default for most browsers. If the graphics do not appear on the screen (There is a red "X" in the corner where the image should be.), the image failed to load for some reason. If this happens, students may get the images to load by right-clicking (or hold the button down if using a Mac) where the image should be and then selecting "Show Image" on the popup menu.

You may increase the likelihood of the image loading by changing the following setting:

1. In Internet Explorer, under the "Tools" menu, select "Internet Options."
2. A window will pop up in the middle of the screen. Click the button that says "Settings."
3. Under "Check for newer versions of stored pages," select "Every visit to the page."
4. Click OK and then click OK again.

To install the latest Java plug-ins visit the following Web page:

<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>

To install the latest Flash plug-ins visit the following Web page:.

[http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1\\_Prod\\_Version=ShockwaveFlash](http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash)

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