

## How to Create an Assessment Using Markup Text

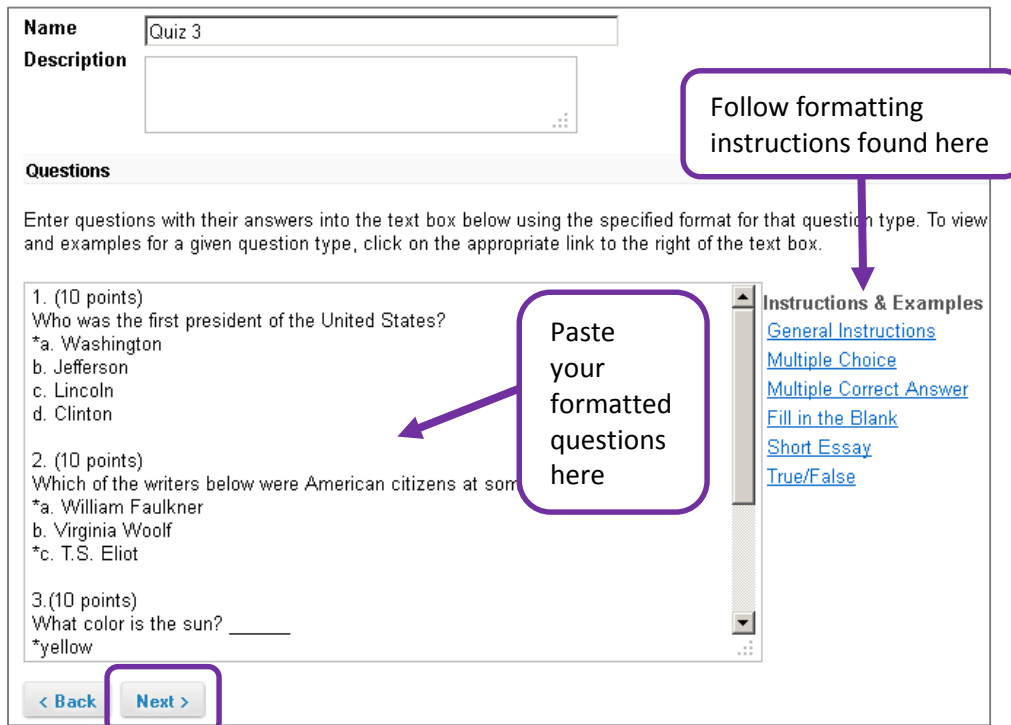
Choosing to create an assessment “using markup text” allows you to compose the assessment in a text editor (such as Notepad or WordPad) and paste it into Sakai. This method works for these question types: Multiple Choice, Multiple Correct Answer, Fill in the Blank, True/False, and Short Answer/Essay.

**You must follow a very specific format when composing questions.** Instructions and examples can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/sakai-markup>

**TIP:** We recommend that you NOT compose questions in a full-featured word processor such as Microsoft Word, as it tends to add its own incompatible formatting. Instead, use a simpler text editing tool such as Windows Notepad or WordPad (or TextEdit on Macs).

*To create an assessment using markup text:*

1. In the main menu of your course site, click on **Tests & Quizzes**. (Then click “Reset” to make sure you are on the opening page of the tool.)
2. In the “Create from scratch” box, enter a title for your assessment and select “create using markup text”. Then click **Create**.
3. In the lower right area of the page, you’ll find instructions and examples for formatting your questions in a text editor.
4. After composing your questions in the proper format, paste them into the large **Questions** box. Then click **Next**.



**Name**

**Description**

**Questions**

Enter questions with their answers into the text box below using the specified format for that question type. To view and examples for a given question type, click on the appropriate link to the right of the text box.

1. (10 points)  
Who was the first president of the United States?  
\*a. Washington  
b. Jefferson  
c. Lincoln  
d. Clinton

2. (10 points)  
Which of the writers below were American citizens at some point?  
\*a. William Faulkner  
b. Virginia Woolf  
\*c. T.S. Eliot

3. (10 points)  
What color is the sun? \_\_\_\_\_  
\*yellow

**Instructions & Examples**  
[General Instructions](#)  
[Multiple Choice](#)  
[Multiple Correct Answer](#)  
[Fill in the Blank](#)  
[Short Essay](#)  
[True/False](#)

**Paste your formatted questions here**

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5. On the next screen, review the questions and answers. If you see errors, you can click the **Back** button at the **BOTTOM** (not your browser’s back button) and make any needed changes.
6. When you are satisfied with the questions and answers, click **Create Assessment** or **Create Pool** to save them in the desired area of Tests & Quizzes.  
(Note: Questions can now be edited, if needed, within the assessment or pool.)