Cool Quizzes
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500 Forms (2 Packets/Answer Versions) $100 + $10 S&H
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This is a nice alternative to scantron forms since students can see immediately the correct answers and can learn from these. Try this with teams.

Visible Quiz is a no-budget version of personal response systems (clickers) using color paper ballots. Place a multiple choice question or problem on a color PowerPoint® slide and ask students to respond by holding up the card with the color that corresponds to the best answer.

Jeopardy – Create your own Jeopardy Game with a PowerPoint template. Google “Jeopardy template” and you’ll find dozens of resources including http://www.jmu.edu/madison/teacher/jeopardy/jeopardy.htm. These make great class reviews following main chapters or at midterm.

Turn to Your Neighbor - Give students about a minute to discuss a question that you pose. Call on pairs to explain their reasoning and conclusion. When you finally call on a pair of students for an answer, you'll find that student pairs are less embarrassed about giving a wrong conclusion than may be true for an individual.

It’s Academic – Group students into teams (e.g., the North, South, East and West) and ask them to compete against one another for top honors.

Use tap lights or bells to have students signal their answers. Watch NBC4’s It’s Academic on Saturday mornings to see how Mac McGarry moderates this fast-paced high school quiz program. Or watch the UK film, Starter for 10, http://www.starterfortenthemovie.co.uk/

Most textbooks offer online quizzes.

Make your own puzzles.
Challenge students to create their own crossword puzzles using vocabulary terms from the course. Play the role of Will Shortz and rate these Monday through Sunday. http://www.crosswordpuzzlegames.com/create.html
To learn how to create a crossword puzzle, go to http://www.wordplaythemovie.com/. Publish these on MERLOT.org

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The Daily Spark, warm-up activities (180 easy-to-use lessons), Spark Publishing (e.g., great books, journal writing, poetry, Shakespeare, U.S. history, SAT English, Spanish, spelling and grammar)
Sit and Solve Travel Math Puzzles, by Steve Ryan, Sterling Publishing