

AP United States History

About the Exam

Exam Overview

The AP U.S. History Exam will test your understanding of the historical concepts covered in the course units, as well as your ability to analyze primary and secondary sources and identify patterns and connections that can support a historical interpretation.

Exam Duration

3hrs 15mins -- This does not include proctor instruction, which adds about an extra hour to the day.

Friday, May 10, 2023 @ 7:45 AM (Door opens at 7:30 AM) Location: Auditorium

Students will be excused from all classes on test day.

*Students that arrive late will **not be allowed** to take the exam and will have to pay the restock fee.*

What to Bring on AP Exam Day

What to Bring:

- An [acceptable calculator](#) if your AP Exam allows the use of a calculator.
- A watch that does not have internet access, does not beep or make noise, and does not have an alarm.
- Chromebook with charger for AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam.
- Although the following will be provided for you. You are welcome to bring your own.
 - No. 2 pencils (No mechanical pencils)
 - Pens with black or dark blue ink

What NOT to Bring:

- Electronic equipment including phones, smartwatches, fitness trackers, wearable technology, cameras, recording or listening devices, or any other type of electronic or communication device.
 - Chromebooks are allowed only for the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam.
- Books, reference guides, notes, compasses, protractors, mechanical pencils, pencils that are not No. 2, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, or colored pencils.
- Scratch paper: Students are prohibited from bringing scratch paper to the AP Exam. For AP Chinese and AP Japanese Exams, scratch paper will be provided.
- Watches that beep, make a noise, or have an alarm.
- Computers or calculators that are not approved.
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions.
- Ear plugs.
- Clothing or shoes with subject-related information.
- Food or drink.
 - You are not permitted to eat while testing. Students will not be released during the 1st lunch and might be late for 2nd lunch. You are able to eat in the designated area during the 10-minute break between Sections 1 and 2 of the exam. You can have a water bottle with you while testing, just do not drink over the booklets.
- Clipboards.

A student observed with any of these prohibited items during testing or breaks may be dismissed from the exam, the device may be confiscated, the student's score may be canceled, and no retest may be permitted.

Follow any specific health and safety protocols for the exam room that your school may have in place. AP policies allow you to bring hand sanitizer to the room, but it must be placed under the desk, not on the desk. You may use any other PPE (such as masks) following your school's current requirements.

Exam Components

Section IA: Multiple Choice

55 questions | 55mins | 40% of Exam Score

The questions in the multiple-choice section come in sets of usually 3–4 questions based on the same stimulus. The questions will include one or more sources to respond to such as primary and secondary texts, images (for example, artwork, photos, posters, cartoons), charts, and maps.

You'll be asked to:

- Analyze the provided sources
- Analyze the historical developments and processes described in the sources

Section IB: Short Answer

3 questions | 40mins | 20% of Exam Score

In the short-answer section, you'll write answers to questions in your test booklet. Some questions include texts, images, graphs, or maps.

- Question 1 is required, includes 1–2 secondary sources, and focuses on historical developments or processes between the years 1754 and 1980.
- Question 2 is required, includes 1 primary source, and focuses on historical developments or processes between the years 1754 and 1980.
- You can choose between Question 3 (which focuses on historical developments or processes between the years 1491 and 1877) and Question 4 (which focuses on historical developments or processes between the years 1865 and 2001) for the last question. No sources are included for either Question 3 or Question 4.

You'll be asked to:

- Analyze the provided sources
- Analyze historical developments and processes described in the sources
- Put those historical developments and processes in context
- Make connections between those historical developments and processes

Section II: Free Response

2 questions | 1hr 40min | 40% of Exam Score

In the free-response section, you'll write answers to questions in your test booklet. There are two questions: one document-based question and one long essay.

Document-Based Question

1 Question | Recommended time: 60 Minutes (includes 15-minute reading period) | 25% of Exam Score

The 60-minute recommended time for this section includes a 15-minute reading period.

- You'll be presented with seven documents that give various perspectives on a historical development or process.
- You'll be asked to develop and support an argument based on these documents and other evidence from your own knowledge.
- The topic of the document-based question will include historical developments or processes between the years 1754 and 1980.

Long Essay Question

1 Question | 40min | 15% of Exam Score

- You'll have a choice of three questions; you'll pick one to answer.
- Each tests the same skills and reasoning process (e.g., comparison, causation, or continuity and change) but the questions focus on historical developments and processes from different time periods (either the period from 1491 to 1800, from 1800 to 1898, or from 1890 to 2001).
- You'll be asked to develop and support an argument based on evidence.

The above information can be found at the following website:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-united-states-history/assessment>

Exam Fees

Exam fees can be paid to the bookkeeping office starting Monday, May 20.

Exam Fee: \$97 per exam

- **\$40 unused/canceled exam fee** will be charged to any student that decides not to take the AP exam and/or drops an AP class after Nov. 1st.
- Some students may qualify for a CollegeBoard fee reduction or waiver.
 - Please see the Testing Secretary for more details. Students that qualify for the fee reduction and have all paperwork submitted, will have exam fees waived.

If you are not sure how much you need to pay or if you qualify for the fee reduction, please come by the Testing Window for clarification.

The ASB office accepts the following:

- Cash
- Card
 - NOT Accepted: Discover & American Express (AMEX)
- Check made payable to: **Eastmont High School - EHS**
****Please confirm the fee amount before writing a check.***
- No online or over-the-phone payments
- Payment plan options are available -- **Please see Ms. Lepez at the Bookkeeping Office.**

There are many resources on the College Board website, take some time to review before test day.

Feel free to contact the EHS Bookkeeping Office or myself, if you have any questions or concerns regarding exam fees.

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