

## APUSH Test Structure

The AP U.S. History Exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and has a multiple choice/short answer section and a free response section. Each section is divided into two parts.

### **Section I — Part A:** Multiple Choice | 55 Questions | 55 minutes | **40% of Exam Score**

- Questions appear in sets of 2 to 5.
- You'll be asked to analyze historical texts, interpretations, and evidence.
- Primary and secondary sources, images, graphs, and maps are included.

### **Section I — Part B:** Short Answer | 3 Questions | 40 minutes | **20% of Exam Score**

- Analyze historians' interpretations, historical sources, and propositions about history.
- Questions provide opportunities for you to demonstrate what you know best.
- Some questions include texts, images, graphs, or maps.
- You'll have a choice between two options for the final required short-answer question, each one focusing on a different time period.
  - Question 1 (*required*): periods 3-8
  - Question 2 (*required*): periods 3-8
  - Choose between Question 3, periods 1-5, and Question 4, periods 6-9

### **Section II — Part A:** Document Based | 1 Question | 60 minutes (includes a 15-minute reading period) | **25% of Exam Score**

- Assess written, quantitative, or visual materials as historical evidence.
- Develop an argument supported by an analysis of historical evidence.
- The document-based question will focus on topics from periods 3-8.

### **Section II — Part B:** Long Essay | 1 Question | 40 minutes | **15% of Exam Score**

- Explain and analyze significant issues in U.S. history.
- Develop an argument supported by an analysis of historical evidence.
- You'll select from one of three essay choices, each focusing on the same theme and skill but different time periods:
  - Option 1: period 1-3
  - Option 2: periods 4-6
  - Option 3: periods 7-9