

Hello Raider AP Students!

As you likely know, the College Board has moved its May testing model from a traditional three-hour test taken at school, to a forty-five minute free-response, individual assessment taken online at home.

For context, the College Board has done this in the past for smaller pockets of populations due to localized national disasters (hurricane, floods, earthquake, etc.) but this is the first time they have offered this alternate testing model at this type of COVID 19 scale. You can learn more about the College Board AP position here:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>.

Generally, the College Board does not refund test fees. However, under our current circumstances, the College Board reports that if a student is unable to take the test the test fee will be refunded. In our classes, there will be no grade penalty for students who are unable to take the test. That said, many students want to continue forward with their learning and take the associated exam. Most exams have been altered to cover only the material covered until school closures. Although it is not possible to replicate classroom instruction, AP teachers can provide support materials and pacing guides for students, and the College Board is providing online supports.

We encourage students to follow through with the challenge of the associated AP exam but understand some students and families are in more difficult situations and taking the test may not be practical. For those students who would like to continue preparing for and take the modified assessment, please notify your AP teacher to let them know. Teachers will do their best to support and reinforce your learning.

Sincerely-

AP Teachers

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AP Classroom Support for Remote Learning and Practice

[Sign in to AP Classroom](#)

Now more than ever, we appreciate your feedback on how AP[®] can best serve you and your students. Here are the latest updates to AP Classroom to better support remote learning, practice, and feedback. We've also included additional information about resources to help you and your students leading up to this year's exams.

Updates for Students

[Sign in](#) to see how we've:

- Highlighted [free AP live classes](#) on every student's homepage, and added links to recorded classes on key topics and review concepts.
- Enabled all free-response questions to be taken by students at home on any device, without requiring the LockDown Browser.
- Provided optional, self-paced student practice, with free-response questions to help students practice their knowledge and skills as they prepare for the

exam. Students can see scoring criteria from past exams to help revise their responses.

- Added each student's written or uploaded response to their student report, so they can view their response alongside scores and get feedback from teachers.
- Helped students stay signed in, especially during online tests.

Updates for Teachers

[Sign in](#) to see how we've:

- Made it easy to provide additional practice quizzes by clicking **Add Questions** when you search or filter the question bank.
- Improved scoring so teachers can score the same question across all students, and choose which student's response to evaluate next.
- Highlighted the free-response questions from previous AP Exams shared with students for practice, and enabled teachers to view student progress and optionally score student responses to provide feedback.
- Added each student's written or uploaded response to class and student reports.
- Helped you stay signed in if you spend more than two hours on College Board websites.

Please continue to share feedback and help us resolve any technical issues by contacting us in the **Help** menu in AP Classroom.

Join a Webinar for Your Discipline

Trevor Packer, Senior Vice President of Advanced Placement® and Instruction, and AP course leads will host optional, discipline-specific webinars in the coming weeks.

- April 14–16: Q&A about AP testing this year. [Register now.](#)
- April 28–30: Walk through the at-home exam day experience and available supports. [Register now.](#)

Help Students Cross the Digital Divide

Working with partners, we're investing so all students have the tools and connectivity they need to access AP resources online and take the exam. If your students need mobile tools or connectivity, you can [contact us directly](#) to let us know by April 24.

For the latest AP information and updates, please visit [AP Central](#)[®].

Sincerely,

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