

# THE EXAM

## Overview

The AP World History Exam is 3 hours and 5 minutes long and includes both a 55-minute multiple-choice section and a 130-minute free-response section. The multiple-choice section of the examination accounts for half of the student's exam grade, and the free-response section for the other half.

<b>Question Type</b>	<b>Number of Questions</b>	<b>Timing</b>
<b>Multiple-choice</b>	<b>70 questions</b>	<b>55 minutes</b>
Document-based question (DBQ)	1 question	50 minutes (includes a 10-minute reading period)
Change-over-time essay	1 question	40 minutes
Comparative essay	1 question	40 minutes

Section I consists of 70 multiple-choice questions designed to measure the students' knowledge of world history from the Foundations period to the present. This section follows the percentages below:

<b>Chronological Period</b>	<b>Approximate Percentage</b>
Foundations	19–20%
600 C.E.–1450	22%
1450–1750	19–20%
1750–1914	19–20%
1914–the present	19–20%

A number of questions in Section I are cross-chronological.

In Section II, the free-response section of the exam, Part A begins with a mandatory 10-minute reading period for the document-based question. Students should answer the DBQ in approximately 40 minutes. In Part B students are asked to answer a question that deals with continuity and change over time (covering at least one of the periods in the course outline). Students will have 40 minutes to answer this question, 5 minutes of which should be spent planning and/or outlining the answer. In Part C students are asked to answer a comparative question that will focus on broad issues in world history and deal with at least two societies. Students will have 40 minutes to answer this question, 5 minutes of which should be spent planning and/or outlining the answer.