

## AP US History Exam Breakdown

The AP U.S. History Exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and includes both a 95-minute multiple-choice/short answer section and a 100-minute free-response section. Each section is divided into two parts, as shown in the table below. Student performance on these four parts will be compiled and weighted to determine an AP Exam score.

Section	Questions Type	Number of Questions	Timing	Percentage of Total Exam Score
I	Part A: Multiple-Choice questions	55 questions	55 minutes	40%
	Part B: Short-Answer questions	3 questions	40 minutes	20%
II	Part A: DBQ	1 question	60 minutes	25%
	Part B: Long Essay Question	1 question (chosen from three)	40 minutes	15%

The course is structured around the investigation of course themes and key concepts in ***NINE*** chronological periods. These periods, from pre-Columbian contacts in North America (represented symbolically by the date 1491) to the present, provide a temporal framework for the course. The instructional importance and assessment weighting for each period varies:

Period	Date Range	Approximate Percentage of...	
		Instructional Time	AP Exam
1	1491-1607	5%	5%
2	1607-1754	10%	45%
3	1754-1800	12%	
4	1800-1848	10%	
5	1844-1877	13%	
6	1865-1898	13%	
7	1890-1945	17%	45%
8	1945-1980	15%	5%
9	1980-present	5%	