

CHANGES TO THE 2020 EXAM FORMAT

AP[®] ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION



ONLINE TESTING

The test will be conducted at home, at the same time around the world, and can be taken on any device: PC, laptop, tablet, or smart phone. Students can either type their responses, or handwrite them and photograph them with their phone. Students must submit their answer response on the same device from which they retrieved the prompt, so students must think critically about which option is more efficient for them, considering the entire process—retrieving, writing, and uploading.

TEST DURATION

Students will have 45 minutes to complete the exam, plus an additional 5 minutes of uploading time. Students will need to access the online testing system 30 minutes early to get set up for the exam.

QUESTION TYPE

The exam consists only of the prose analysis free-response question. We recommend that students use 15 minutes to dissect the prompt and analyze the passage, 30 minutes to write the response, and 5 minutes to upload their document.

OPEN BOOK FORMAT

The justification for the open-book and open-note format is that the exams will look very similar to a college course exam. While it could potentially cost students valuable time to look through their notes, this open-book format should be an advantage because they can print out or draw a graphic organizer that will help them analyze the passage, and they can have a thesis statement template on standby.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the first time ever, teachers will receive copies of each student's exam response. There are two reasons for this: to identify students whose work may not be their own and to potentially use as grades. Additionally, the College Board states that cheating will be difficult, and the punishment for it will be swift, including alerting all potential colleges of a student's cheating. For additional information about the exam, visit the College Board website: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/>

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, May 13	8:00AM Hawaii 10:00AM Alaska 11:00AM Pacific 12:00PM Mountain 1:00PM Central 2:00PM Eastern
MAKE-UP EXAM	
Available with permission from your school.	
Tuesday, June 2	6:00AM Hawaii 8:00AM Alaska 9:00AM Pacific 10:00AM Mountain 11:00AM Central 12:00PM Eastern

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