

Important 2020 AP Exam Information

I hope you are all doing well! Additional information regarding the conducting of 2020 AP exams was posted Friday on the College Board website.

(apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students) **It is very important that you take some time this week or next to update yourself on the new exam schedule and exact content on each subject exam.** I've noted a few particular updates below with "action items" bolded.

1) The exam dates have changed and are now a week later at noon, 2:00 p.m., or 4:00 p.m. **Please let me know asap if you will NOT be available on the new primary date for any exam for which you registered.** (apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams/ap-exam-schedule)

2) For each exam you plan to take, using the link in #1, **please scroll down to the "Course-Specific Exam Information" and carefully read the information specific to that/those exam(s).** This is so important! Each exam has been shortened considerably. You'll want to make sure that you orient your study time well by familiarizing yourself with the material, concepts, and skills on which you'll be tested, rather than focusing on those which have been excluded in this year's exams.

I'll use the English Language and Composition exam as an example since many of you are registered for it. Typically this exam is comprised of 2 sections. Section 1 contains reading passages followed by multiple-choice questions and section 2 contains 3 free-response questions (1 synthesis question, 1 rhetorical analysis question, and 1 argument question). By reading through the course-specific exam information for the English Language and Composition exam, one learns that this exam will only have 1 free-response question and it will be a *rhetorical analysis* question.

3) Other specific exam updates may be posted on the Course and Exam Pages. If you have not already, **please consult these online pages for any exam you plan to take.** (apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses)

Again, I'll use the English Language and Composition exam as an example. According to this page, College Board will score this exam differently beginning this year by using an *analytic rubric* rather than a holistic one as they have in the past. The new rubric is on pages 4-6 of this document (apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-english-language-and-composition-frqs-1-2-3-scoring-rubrics.pdf?course=ap-english-language-and-composition).

4) In my last email I mentioned that College Board has arranged for live-streamed exam preparation sessions. **Please take advantage of these as you study!** Consult the Daily AP Course Schedule for the dates and times. Sessions began March 25 and have all been recorded. (apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/course-schedule)

5) In years past, I have always met face-to-face with students taking AP exams during the pre-administration. With the many AP changes this year coupled with not seeing any of you (well, except for Peter!), I feel the need to ask you to respond to me in order that I may know that you are aware of the exam changes and can still take your exam on the new date. In the next 2 weeks, **would you all please call or email me** (703-331-3587, smreyes595@gmail.com) and confirm your exam(s)? Thank you!