

Exam Format

The AP English Language and Composition Exam has question types and point values that stay consistent from year to year, so you and your students know what to expect on exam day.

Section I: Multiple Choice

≈ 45 Questions | 1 hour | 45% of Exam Score

- Includes 5 sets of questions:
 - 23–25 Reading questions that ask students to read and analyze nonfiction texts.
 - 20–22 Writing questions that ask students to “read like a writer” and consider revisions to stimulus texts.

Section II: Free Response

3 Questions | 2 hours 15 minutes (includes a 15-minute reading period | 55% of Exam Score

- Students write essays that respond to 3 free-response prompts from the following categories:
 - **Synthesis Question:** After reading 6–7 texts about a topic (including visual and quantitative sources), students will compose an argument that combines and cites at least 3 of the sources to support their thesis.
 - **Rhetorical Analysis:** Students will read a nonfiction text and analyze how the writer’s language choices contribute to the intended meaning and purpose of the text.
 - **Argument:** Students will create an evidence-based argument that responds to a given topic.

Instead of writing essays, you'll be creating outlines.

on the HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION sources

on a NON-FICTION passage you'll be seeing for the first time