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Chapters 1-6 Reading Guide: How to Crack the System

Chapter 1 About the Advanced Placement Program

1. When is the AP European History Exam given?
2. What will you need to bring for the multiple-choice section?
3. What will you need to bring to write your essays?
4. List two other items that you will need to bring to the test:
5. List five things that you may NOT bring to the exam:
6. How many questions are in the multiple choice section of the test?
7. How long is the multiple choice section of the test?
8. How long of a break are you given after the multiple choice section of the test?
9. How much time do you have to read and strategize before you begin writing your essays?
10. How much time should you use to write the DBQ essay?
11. How much time are you given to write both free-response essays?
12. List three things that will get you thrown out of the testing center:

Chapter 2 Being a Good Test Taker

13. What causes some people to perform quickly and efficiently?
14. Who are you competing against?
15. What should you not fixate on?
16. List some ways that will help you relax:
17. What is the worst mistake made by inexperienced test takers?
18. What can you do with a question you don't know?
19. What has the same value toward your final score?
20. What should you do with questions that give you trouble?
21. What raw score will you need to get a 3 if you do well on the essays? (*The test no longer penalizes you for incorrect answers, therefore you should answer **all** Multiple Choice Questions)
22. How much time should you set aside to study the AP Test Prep Book, textbook, notes, lectures, etc. per week?
23. What is better than not studying at all?
24. What should you maintain during the final week before the exam?
25. What should you focus on?

26. What should you eat on the test day?
27. What should you wear on the day of the test? (*hint: **Your AP Shirt!**)
28. What should you have for an energy boost? (*hint: Bring yummy stuff to share with everyone)

Chapter 3 Cracking the Multiple-Choice Section

29. How many questions cover 1450-1815?
 30. What percentage of questions covers 1815 to present?
- List the breakdown of the Multiple Choice section by subject:
- 31.
 - 32.
 - 33.
 34. What percent of Questions does each general subject cover?
 35. What should you not do when asked to interpret an illustration, map, political cartoon, painting, or poster?
 36. What doesn't ask specifically about military history or rote memorization?
 37. How many questions are in groupings?
 38. How will these questions be presented?
 39. What should you keep in mind as you take this exam?
 40. What should you use to get rid of one or more answer choices?

Chapter 4 Cracking the Essay Questions

41. What is the first type of essay Question?
42. How many primary source documents are you given?
43. What is the second type of essay?
44. How many questions are you given for the Free Response Question Essays?
45. What is the time period for the first three?
46. What is the time period for the second three?
47. How many of the six Free Response Question Essay questions are you required to answer?
48. How many from each group?
49. How many Free-Response Question essays are there on the test?
50. What must you answer completely?
51. How will students lose points?

52. What are the readers looking to see?

53. How many minutes are you given to prepare?

54. How many minutes do you have to write the DBQ essay?

55. How many minutes do you have to write **both** of your Free Response Question essays?

List the four components of a well developed essay:

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60. Do you have to mention every single relevant piece of historical information in your essays?

61. How many essays do graders read per day?

List the two essential components to writing a successful timed essay:

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64. What should you underline and circle in the test booklet?

65. What should you do for one or two minutes?

66. What should you write down in your test booklet?

67. Where can you write in your booklet?

List the three categories of things you will have written down while brainstorming:

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71. What should you make next?

72. How many paragraphs should you use for each essay?

73. What should your first paragraph contain?

74. What should your second, third, and fourth paragraphs contain?

75. What should your fifth paragraph contain?

76. Where should you put the weakest argument?

77. Where should you put your strongest argument?

78. What paragraph states what you intend to argue?
79. How should questions about the development of a political, social, or economic trend be answered?
80. When using a “Straw Dong Argument” technique what position should be stated first?
81. What should you keep as simple as possible?
82. What should you throw in?
83. What should you do with a word if you are unsure of its meaning?
84. How should you write?
85. What should you define?
86. List five transition words:
87. What should you use to organize your paragraphs?
88. What should you stick to?
89. How many points should be made in one paragraph?
90. What should you use to back up your ideas?
91. What size of essay will hurt you more?
92. What should you address in the first and last paragraphs?
93. What context should your essays use?

Chapter 5 Cracking the Document-Based Question (DBQ)

94. What do you interpret with the Document-Based Question essay?
95. List eight types of primary source documents:
96. What part of the test comes before the five- to ten-minute break and before the DBQ Essay?
97. What can you do during the 15-minute mandatory reading period?
98. What should you write in your booklet if you have extra time after reading the documents and outlining your essay?
99. What do the writers of the AP European History Exam provide after the essay prompt?
100. What must you provide in order to argue any thesis you want?
101. What relevant information can the DBQ responses contain? (*Although you can use outside information, please avoid doing so, focus only on the documents and historical background given in the test)
102. What is the highest score one can achieve on the DBQ essay?
103. How many points can you get in the “basic core” in order to gain points in the “expanded core”?

List the six “basic core” points:

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110. How many documents can you misinterpret?

List three expanded core points that you personally want to focus on (strategize!):

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114. What is the most common mistake students make and results in a zero on the essay?

115. How many documents should you use?

116. How many document groups should you have for each body paragraph?

117. What is a common error among students?

118. How many groupings should you have?

119. How many documents per group?

120. What can you use more than once?

121. Why should you cite the document?

122. What should you never use in reference to a document?

123. What “core” should the focus of your essay be on?

124. What is the shortest thing you have to read on the DBQ? (*So read it carefully!)

125. What is the highest score one can earn if they ignore part of the question?

126. What should you use to organize your thoughts when a DBQ question asks you to draw comparisons?

127. What can you use if you cannot draw a grid for a question?

128. In what order to the documents usually appear?

129. What kind of documents should you not ignore?

130. What should you do before you decide on your thesis?

131. What should you create before the writing period begins?

Chapter 6 Cracking the Free-Response Questions

132. What consists of six questions grouped into two sections?

133. What do you not get between the DBQ Essay and the Free-Response Essay?

134. How much time are you given to write both essays?

135. What can be shorter and not as comprehensive as your DBQ essay?

136. How much is your DBQ essay score multiplied by?

137. How much is each of your Free-Response Question essay scores multiplied by?

138. What percent of your **essay grade** is the DBQ worth?

139. What percent of your **essay grade** is each Free-Response question worth?

140. Which question should you choose?

List the five steps on how to write the essays:

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146. What should you do with your time between the two essays?

147. How much are the Free-Response Question essays worth?

148. What mistake do many students make when they get to the Free-Response Questions?