

# AP European History Exam

## Exam Overview

The AP European History Exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and includes both a 95-minute multiple-choice and short-answer section (Section I) and a 100-minute free-response section (Section II). 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	Question 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 ♦ <b>Required</b> Question 1: 1600–2001 ♦ <b>Required</b> Question 2: 1600–2001 ♦ <b>Choose between</b> Question 3: periods 1–2 OR Question 4: periods 3–4	40 minutes	20%
II	Part A: Document-based question	1 question: topics from 1600–2001	60 minutes (includes a 15-minute reading period)	25%
	Part B: Long essay question	1 question, chosen from three options on the same theme: ♦ period 1 ♦ periods 2–3 ♦ periods 3–4	40 minutes	15%