

TIPS AND TRICKS

AP Test-Taking

- **General AP Test Strategies:**

- Start Early: Began review 6-8 weeks before your test
- Time Management: Set Mini-Deadlines to see how many questions you want to have finished by that time (make sure to watch the clock)
- Active Recall: Use flashcards, practice problems, and self-quizzing
- Timed Testing: Take full practice tests in a testing environment (the tests are long, and you have to get used to them)
- Memorize Rubrics: Understand how you will get the points for FRQs
- Stay Calm: If you don't understand one, move on to the next, and flag it to come back to

- **AP English:**

- How To Study
 - Read and Annotate non-fiction and literature passages regularly
 - Review rhetorical/literary devices and practice identifying them
 - Write timed essays (analysis/argument/synthesis)
- Test-Taking Tips:
 - Outline the essay before writing
 - Address all parts of the FRQs
 - Skip harder MCQ to come back to at the end
- Resources
 - College Board AP Classroom

- Fiveable AP Lang/Lit review session
 - “The AP English Literature & Composition Crash Course” books
 - YouTube: Tom Richey, AP Lang Writing Guides
- **AP History:**
 - How To Study
 - Create timelines, concept maps, and thematic charts
 - Memorize key events, people, places, and documents, but focus on their causes and effects
 - Write timed DBQs and LEQs
 - Test-Taking Tips:
 - Analyze documents critically
 - Include outside evidence in essay
 - If you don’t remember anything from the LEQ, start jotting down key things from the time period
 - Resources
 - College Board AP Classroom
 - John Green Crash Course History series
 - Heimler’s History
 - Fiveable History FRQ workshops
- **AP Math:**
 - How To Study
 - Solve past FRQs and multiple-choice questions from College Board
 - Review formulas, theorems, and graphs
 - Practice showing every step to maximize partial credit.
 - Test-Taking Tips:
 - Write units, label graphs, and show work clearly.
 - If stuck on FRQ, write formulas related to the unit (might still get partial credit)

- Resources
 - College Board AP Classroom
 - Khan Academy AP Calculus / Statistics
 - Albert.io AP Math question bank
- **AP Science:**
 - How To Study
 - Focus on understanding concepts, not just memorization
 - Create diagrams and flow charts for processes (ex., photosynthesis, chemical reactions)
 - Practice timed FRQs; explain results using CER
 - Test-Taking Tips:
 - Label units and show all work in calculations
 - Answer multi-part questions step by step
 - Try to figure out which unit the multiple choice is from to narrow down answer choices
 - Resources
 - College Board AP Classroom
 - Bozeman Science YouTube
 - Khan Academy AP Science courses
 - Fiveable AP Science guides
 - AP Bio Penguins
- **General Resources**
 - College Board AP Classroom – Official practice exams and progress checks
 - Fiveable – Live reviews, study guides, and FRQ walkthroughs
 - Khan Academy – Free content for most AP subjects
 - YouTube Channels: Heimler's History, Bozeman Science, Tom Richey, The Organic Chemistry Tutor
 - Prep Books: Princeton Review (easier practice), Barron's (challenging, detailed explanations)