

AP European History score calculator: the worksheet and the conversion table (May 2027 format)

How the exam is scored

Section	Questions	Time	Share	Points
I: multiple choice	55	55 minutes	40%	55, one each, no penalty for wrong answers
II: Short answer 1 (secondary source)			6.667%	3 points
II: Short answer 2 (primary source)			6.667%	3 points
II: Short answer 3 (non-text source)			6.667%	3 points
II: Document-based question			25%	7 points
II: Long essay			15%	6 points
II: free response total	5	40 minutes for the short answers, then 1 hour 40 minutes for	60%	22
Total		3 hours 15 minutes	100%	composite as a percentage

The worksheet

1. Multiple choice correct (out of 55):

2. Line 1 / 55 x 40 = multiple-choice share (%):

3a. Short answer 1 (secondary source) (out of 3) / 3 x 6.667 = share (%):

3b. Short answer 2 (primary source) (out of 3) / 3 x 6.667 = share (%):

3c. Short answer 3 (non-text source) (out of 3) / 3 x 6.667 = share (%):

3d. Document-based question (out of 7) / 7 x 25 = share (%):

3e. Long essay (out of 6) / 6 x 15 = share (%):

4. Composite = line 2 + lines 3a to 3e (%):

The conversion table (estimates; the College Board sets the real cut points after each exam)

AP score	Composite	For example	Means
5	70% and up	38 of 55 multiple choice and 15 of 22 free response	Extremely well qualified
4	58% to 69%	32 of 55 multiple choice and 13 of 22 free response	Well qualified
3	44% to 57%	24 of 55 multiple choice and 10 of 22 free response	Qualified
2	33% to 43%	18 of 55 multiple choice and 7 of 22 free response	Possibly qualified
1	under 33%		No recommendation

Worked example: 41 of 55 multiple choice and free-response scores of 2, 2, 2, 5, 4 (15 of 22) give a composite of 71.0%, a 5 on the table. A composite within three points of a cut is on the line, not over it.

What the scores say, where the points are lost, and the plan

The May 2025 results (College Board)

Score	5	4	3	2	1	3 or higher	Mean
Share of 86,729 students	14.0%	34.8%	23.9%	19.0%	8.4%	72.6%	3.27

What the free-response questions ask

- [] Short answers (3 points each): three parts, usually identify, explain and explain, on a secondary source, a primary source and a non-text source; one sentence with a specific piece of evidence earns each point
- [] Document-based question (7 points): thesis, contextualisation, evidence from at least four of the seven documents used to support the argument, one piece of outside evidence, sourcing (point of view, purpose, situation or audience) for at least two documents, and complexity
- [] Long essay (6 points): thesis, contextualisation, specific evidence used to support the argument, historical reasoning (comparison, causation or continuity and change), and complexity

Where the points are lost: tick the ones that are yours

- [] A thesis that restates the prompt or is not in the introduction or conclusion, which loses the point and makes the evidence points harder to earn
- [] Documents summarised rather than used as evidence for a claim; the 'support an argument' points need the document to do work
- [] Sourcing that names a document's author without saying why that matters to the argument
- [] Contextualisation written as one sentence of background with no connection to the prompt
- [] Short answers that answer part (a) at length and run out of time for (c)

From a practice composite to the exam

Practice composite	Likely score now	What moves it most
under 44%	1 or 2	content first: the units with the most multiple-choice misses, then one free-response question a week marked to the scoring guidelines
44% to 57%	3	the free response: every lost point is a specific missing thing on the rubric; fix the pattern, not the question
58% to 69%	4	timing and the hardest question type; a full timed paper every two weeks
70% and up	5	keep it: a timed paper every two weeks and the questions that score under 70 percent

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