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AP Computer Science A (Java)

Reflection

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Congratulations on all you have learned and accomplished this year and on completion of the AP Computer Science A Exam!

I would appreciate your thoughtful reflection, feedback and input on your preparedness for the exam, the class in general and advice for next year’s students. Please respond to the following questions, being as specific as possible.

**The AP Exam:**

1. In which content areas did you feel particularly well prepared?

I felt well prepared on everything.

1. In which content areas did you feel less prepared?

I felt slightly less prepared on sorting.

1. Were there any content areas that you feel were not covered? If so, please explain.

All content areas were covered.

1. What score do you think you will get on the AP Exam?

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**Review for the AP Exam:**

1. We had about 3 1/2 weeks of review and practice questions just before and then after Spring Break. Was this too much, too little or about the right amount of time?

This was a little too much time for me.

1. Which aspects of the class time review and homework assignments worked well for you?

The practice FRQ’s helped.

1. What improvements would you suggest for next year?

Donut party.

**The Class throughout the Year:**

1. What were the three most important things that you learned this year?

I would say that recursion, sorting, and searching were the most important things we learned this year.

1. What would you have liked to have spent more time doing? Why?

I would have liked to have more time doing additional projects.

1. What would you have liked to have spent less time doing? Why?

I would prefer to have spent less time on the println() exercises.

1. What was the most surprising aspect of this class?

The class taught everything necessary for each person to receive a five, which most AP classes do not.

1. What part of the class was the most confusing? What would have made it less confusing?

The most confusing aspect of the class was the labs, but only if you missed the day that they were assigned.

1. If you could change one aspect of this class to make it better, what would it be?

I would spend more time doing labs and less time focusing on the basics of Java.

1. What one thing did you appreciate and would want to make sure that the class continues to do?

I appreciate how every subject requires you to program at least a small part of it.

1. What specific advice would you give to next year’s students?

I would advise them to try and learn the basics of Java over the summer

1. Any additional comments or thoughts that you want to share which were not covered in the above questions?

No.

Thank you!