

My AP AP English Language & Composition Study Checklist

DATE PREP BEGINS: March 29th

DATE OF MY EXAM: May 14th

Week 1

Take Practice Test 1.

Fill out the Diagnostic Answer Key.

Read Part III and decide which topics to prioritize.



Ask Yourself

1. How much time did you spend on the multiple-choice (MC) questions? How many did you miss?
2. How much time did you spend on each essay question? Did you feel you had the knowledge to address the subject matter?

Week 2

Read Chapters 1–2 and 4–7 and think about how to implement these subject-specific test-taking strategies.

For Chapters 5–7, avoid reading the sample essays until you attempt the prompts yourself.

Take the Pacing Drills in Chapter 3.



Study Tip

Whether it's in a test or a drill, when you review the explanations, make sure you understand why you got a question wrong before moving on, or you may make the same mistake again.

Week 3

Read Chapter 8, “Rhetoric and the Elements of Style.”



Watch and Learn

Check out [The Princeton Review YouTube Channel](#) for a wealth of content about the APs, college admissions, and more!

Week 4

Read Chapter 9, “Basic Rhetorical Modes.”

Take Practice Test 2, read explanations, and mark incorrect answers.

Review any topics related to any missed drill or practice test questions.



You're Halfway There!

Congratulations on all your hard work! Remember that rest is also an important part of prep. Take breaks in your study routine to stretch, have a snack, or listen to your favorite music.

Week 5

Read Chapter 10, “Complex Rhetorical Modes.”

Take Practice Test 3, read explanations, and mark incorrect answers.

Review any topics related to any missed drill or practice test questions.



Need a Refresher?

As you get farther along in your prep, look back at the Summary pages for earlier chapters to refresh your memory.

Week 6

Read Chapter 11, “Rhetorical Fallacies.”

Take Practice Test 4, read explanations, and mark incorrect answers.

Review any topics related to any missed drill or practice test questions.



Test Yourself!

Practice Tests A, B, and C (online) are waiting for you whenever you're ready! As your exam date gets closer, you can use these tests to practice your time management or just skim through them specifically for the question types you're more eager to drill.

Week 7

Take Practice Test 5, read explanations, and mark incorrect answers.

Review any topics related to any missed drill or practice test questions.



Gearing Up for the Exam

As test day gets closer, check the College Board website for the most up-to-date information on your AP English Language & Composition Exam.