
AP 2019-2020 New Resources and Supports

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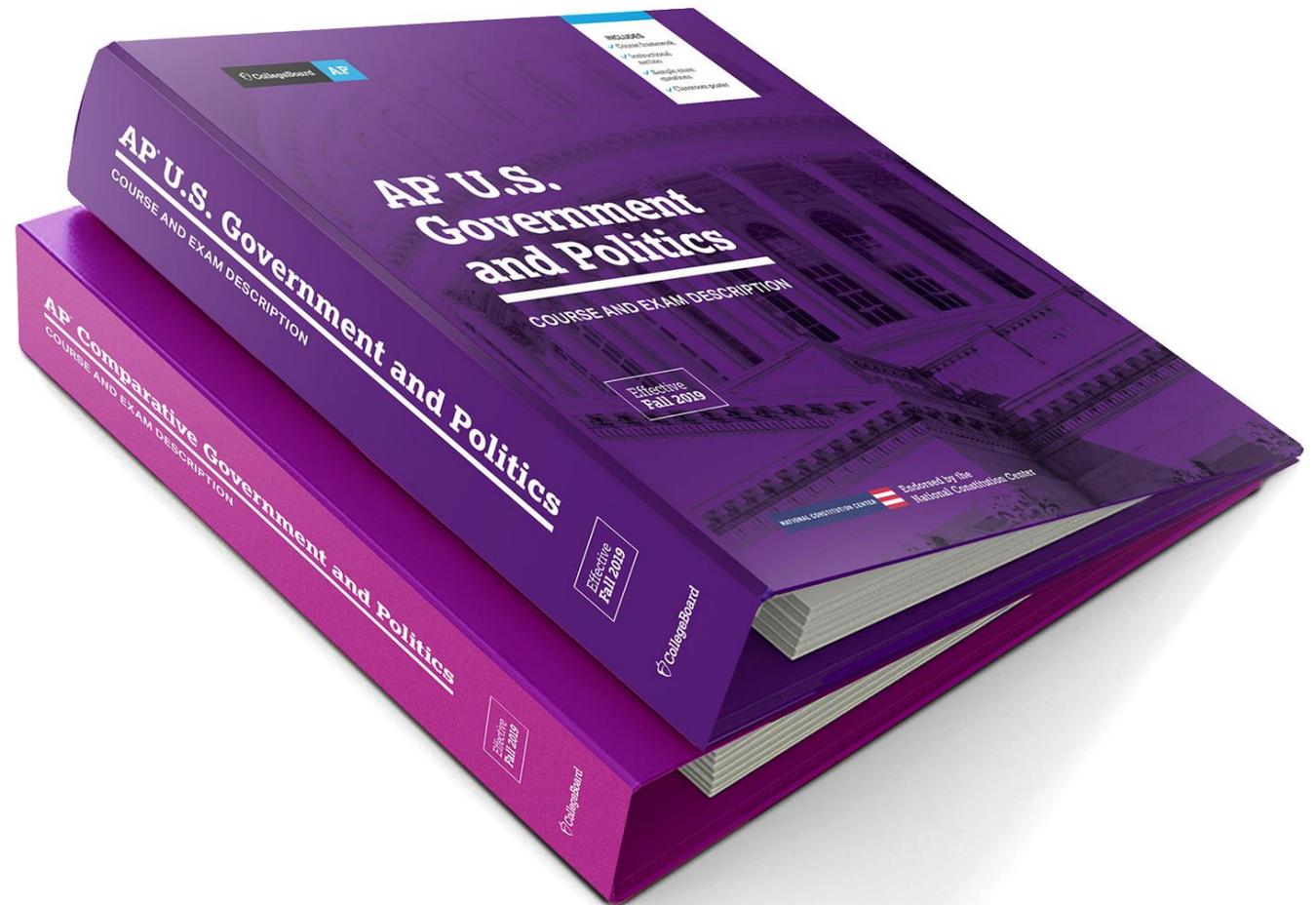
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- Course-at-a-Glance
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Content in the Course Framework

Understanding by Design® terminology

- The box to the right shows how elements of the course framework are laid out in the *Course and Exam Description*.

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

LOR-1

A balance between governmental power and individual rights has been a hallmark of American political development.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

LOR-1.A

Explain how democratic ideals are reflected in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

LOR-1.A.1

The U.S. government is based on ideas of limited government, including natural rights, popular sovereignty, republicanism, and social contract.

LOR-1.A.2

The **Declaration of Independence**, drafted by Jefferson with help from Adams and Franklin, provides a foundation for popular sovereignty, while the **U.S. Constitution** drafted at the Philadelphia Convention and led by George Washington, with important contributions from Madison, Hamilton, and members of the "Grand Committee," provides the blueprint for a unique form of political democracy in the U.S.

REQUIRED FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENT

- Declaration of Independence

Task Verbs

Task Verbs Used in Free-Response Questions

The following task verbs are commonly used in the free-response questions:

Compare: Provide a description or explanation of similarities and/or differences.

Define: Provide a specific meaning for a word or concept.

Describe: Provide the relevant characteristics of a specified topic.

Develop an argument: Articulate a claim and support it with evidence.

Draw a conclusion: Use available information to formulate an accurate statement that demonstrates understanding based on evidence.

Explain: Provide information about how or why a relationship, process, pattern, position, situation, or outcome occurs, using evidence and/or reasoning. Explain "how" typically requires analyzing the relationship, process, pattern, position, situation, or outcome, whereas explain "why" typically requires analysis of motivations or reasons for the relationship, process, pattern, position, situation, or outcome.

Identify: Indicate or provide information about a specified topic, without elaboration or explanation.

Course at a Glance

~7-9 Class Periods **15-22%** AP Exam Weighting

Plan

The Course at a Glance provides a useful visual organization of the AP U.S. Government and Politics curricular components, including:

- Sequence of units, along with approximate weighting and suggested pacing. Please note, pacing is based on 45-minute class periods, meeting five days each week for a full academic semester.
- Progression of topics within each unit, including the location of required foundational documents or Supreme Court cases.
- Spiraling of the big ideas and practices across units.

DISCIPLINARY PRACTICES

Disciplinary practices spiral throughout the course.

BIG IDEAS

Big ideas spiral across topics and units.

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|--|--|
| CON Constitutionalism | PMI Competing Policy-Making Interests |
| LOR Liberty and Order | MPA Methods of Political Analysis |
| PRD Civic Participation in a Representative Democracy | |

Assess

Assign the Personal Progress Checks—either as homework or in class—for each unit. Each Personal Progress Check contains formative multiple-choice and free-response questions. The feedback from the Personal Progress Checks shows students the areas where they need to focus.

UNIT 1 Foundations of American Democracy

1.1 Ideals of Democracy

1.1.1 Types of Democracy

1.1.3 Government Power and Individual Rights

1.1.4 Challenges of the Articles of Confederation

1.1.5 Ratification of the United States Constitution

1.1.6 Principles of American Government

1.1.7 Relationship Between States and the Federal Government

1.1.8 Constitutional Interpretations of Federalism

1.1.9 Federalism in Action

Interactions Among Branches of Government

25-36% AP Exam Weighting

2.1 Progress: The Senate and the House of Representatives

2.1.1 Structures, Powers, and Functions of Congress

2.1.2 Congressional Behavior

2.1.3 Roles and Powers of the President

2.1.4 Checks on the Presidency

2.1.5 Expansion of Presidential Power

2.1.6 Presidential Communication

2.1.7 The Judicial Branch

2.1.8 Legitimacy of the Judicial Branch

2.1.9 The Court in Action

2.1.10 Checks on the Judicial Branch

2.1.11 The Bureaucracy

2.1.12 Discretionary and Rule-Making Authority

2.1.13 Holding the Bureaucracy Accountable

2.1.14 Policy and the Branches of Government

Personal Progress Check 2

- Multiple-choice: 45 questions
Free-response: 3 questions
- Concept Application
 - Quantitative Analysis
 - SCOTUS Comparison

is provided to prepare students for more Exam.

UNIT 3 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

~12-14 Class Periods **13-18%** AP Exam Weighting

3.1 The Bill of Rights

3.1.1 First Amendment: Freedom of Religion

3.1.2 First Amendment: Freedom of Speech

3.1.3 First Amendment: Freedom of the Press

3.1.4 Second Amendment: Right to Bear Arms

3.1.5 Amendments: Balancing Individual Freedom with Public Order and Safety

3.1.6 Selective Incorporation

3.1.7 Amendments: Due Process and the Rights of the Accused

3.1.8 Amendments: Due Process and the Right to Privacy

3.1.9 Social Movements and Equal Protection

3.1.10 Government Responses to Social Movements

3.1.11 Balancing Minority and Majority Rights

3.1.12 Affirmative Action

Personal Progress Check 3

- Multiple-choice: 30 questions
Free-response: 3 questions
- Concept Application
 - SCOTUS Comparison
 - Argument Essay (partial)
 - Argument Essay (partial)

UNIT 4 American Political Ideologies and Beliefs

~10-12 Class Periods **10-15%** AP Exam Weighting

4.1 American Attitudes About Government and Politics

4.1.1 Political Socialization

4.1.2 Changes in Ideology

4.1.3 Influence of Political Events on Ideology

4.1.4 Measuring Public Opinion

4.1.5 Evaluating Public Opinion Data

4.1.6 Ideologies of Political Parties

4.1.7 Ideology and Policy Making

4.1.8 Ideology and Economic Policy

4.1.9 Ideology and Social Policy

Personal Progress Check 4

- Multiple-choice: 30 questions
Free-response: 3 questions
- Concept Application
 - Quantitative Analysis
 - Quantitative Analysis

UNIT 5 Political Participation

~8-10 Class Periods **20-27%** AP Exam Weighting

5.1 Voting Rights and Models of Voting Behavior

5.1.1 Voter Turnout

5.1.2 Political Parties

5.1.3 How and Why Political Parties Change and Adapt

5.1.4 Third-Party Politics

5.1.5 Interest Groups Influencing Policy Making

5.1.6 Groups Influencing Policy Outcomes

5.1.7 Electing a President

5.1.8 Congressional Elections

5.1.9 Modern Campaigns

5.1.10 Campaign Finance

5.1.11 The Media

5.1.12 Changing Media

Personal Progress Check 5

- Multiple-choice: 30 questions
Free-response: 3 questions
- Quantitative Analysis
 - Argument Essay
 - Argument Essay

Course Skills

What practitioners in a specific field or discipline do

- can have specific names by course: e.g., Disciplinary Practices, Historical Thinking Skills, Science Practices, Course Skills
- describe what students should be able to do while exploring course concepts
- form the basis of tasks students are asked to perform on the AP Exam
- students often need multiple opportunities with progressive scaffolding to develop mastery



AP U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Disciplinary Practices

Practice 1	Practice 2	Practice 3	Practice 4	Practice 5
Concept Application 1 Apply political concepts and processes to scenarios in context.	SCOTUS Application 2 Apply Supreme Court decisions.	Data Analysis 3 Analyze and interpret quantitative data represented in tables, charts, graphs, maps, and infographics.	Source Analysis 4 Read, analyze, and interpret foundational documents and other text-based and visual sources.	Argumentation 5 Develop an argument in essay format.
SKILLS				
1.A Describe political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors. 1.B Explain political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors. 1.C Compare political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors. 1.D Describe political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors illustrated in different scenarios in context. 1.E Explain how political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors apply to different scenarios in context.	2.A Describe the facts, reasoning, decision, and majority opinion of required Supreme Court cases. 2.B Explain how a required Supreme Court case relates to a foundational document or to other primary or secondary sources. 2.C Compare the reasoning, decision, and majority opinion of a required Supreme Court case to a non-required Supreme Court case. 2.D Explain how required Supreme Court cases apply to scenarios in context.	3.A Describe the data presented. 3.B Describe patterns and trends in data. 3.C Explain patterns and trends in data to draw conclusions. 3.D Explain what the data implies or illustrates about political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors. 3.E Explain possible limitations of the data provided. 3.F Explain possible limitations of the visual representation of the data provided.	4.A Describe the author's claim(s), perspective, evidence, and reasoning. 4.B Explain how the author's argument or perspective relates to political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors. 4.C Explain how the implications of the author's argument or perspective may affect political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors. 4.D Explain how the visual elements of a cartoon, map, or infographic illustrate or relate to political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors.	5.A Articulate a defensible claim/thesis. 5.B Support the argument using relevant evidence. 5.C Use reasoning to organize and analyze evidence, explaining its significance to justify the claim or thesis. 5.D Use refutation, concession, and rebuttal in responding to opposing or alternate perspectives.

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UNIT 1

Chemistry of Life

~5-7 Class Periods

8-11% AP Exam Weighting

SYI

2

1.1 Structure of Water and Hydrogen Bonding

Macromolecules

SYI

1.4 Properties of Biological Macromolecules

SYI

1.5 Structure and Function of Biological

SCIENCE PRACTICES

Science practices are spiraled throughout the course:

1 Concept

4 Representing and

BIG IDEAS

The big ideas spiral across topics and units:

EVO Evolution

ENE Energetics

IST Information

Personal Progress Check 1

Multiple-Choice: ~20 questions

Free-Response: 2 questions

- Conceptual Analysis (partial)
- Analyze Model or Visual Representation (partial)

NOTE: Partial versions of the free-response questions are provided to prepare students for more complex, full questions that they will encounter on the AP Exam.

UNIT 3

Cellular Energetics

~14-17 Class Periods

12-16% AP Exam Weighting

ENE

3.1 Enzyme Structure

ENE

3.2 Enzyme Catalysis

ENE

3.3 Environmental Impacts on Enzyme Function

ENE

3.4 Cellular Energy

ENE

3.5 Photosynthesis

ENE

3.6 Cellular Respiration

SYI

3.7 Fitness

Personal Progress Check 3

Multiple-Choice: ~20 questions

Free-Response: 2 questions

- Interpreting and Evaluating Experimental Results with Graphing (partial)
- Scientific Investigation (partial)

UNIT 4

Cell Communication and Cell Cycle

~9-11 Class Periods

10-15% AP Exam Weighting

IST

4.1 Cell Communication

IST

4.2 Introduction to Signal Transduction

IST

4.3 Signal Transduction

IST

4.4 Changes in Signal Transduction Pathways

ENE

4.5 Feedback

IST

4.6 Cell Cycle

IST

4.7 Regulation of Cell Cycle

Personal Progress Check 4

Multiple-Choice: ~25 questions

Free-Response: 2 questions

- Interpreting and Evaluating Experimental Results (partial)
- Analyze Data

UNIT 5

Heredity

~9-11 Class Periods

8-11% AP Exam Weighting

IST

5.1 Meiosis

IST

5.2 Meiosis and Genetic Diversity

EVO

5.3 Mendelian Genetics

IST

5.4 Non-Mendelian Genetics

SYI

5.5 Environmental Effects on Phenotype

SYI

5.6 Chromosomal Inheritance

Personal Progress Check 5

Multiple-Choice: ~25 questions

Free-Response: 2 questions

- Interpreting and Evaluating Experimental Results with Graphing
- Conceptual Analysis

UNIT 6

Gene Expression and Regulation

~18-21 Class Periods

12-16% AP Exam Weighting

IST

6.1 DNA and RNA Structure

IST

6.2 Replication

2

6.3 Transcription and RNA Processing

2

6.4 Translation

2

6.5 Regulation of Gene Expression

IST

6.6 Gene Expression and Cell Specialization

IST

6.7 Mutations

2

6.8 Biotechnology

Personal Progress Check 6

Multiple-Choice: ~25 questions

Free-Response: 2 questions

- Interpreting and Evaluating Experimental Results
- Analyze Model or Visual Representation

UNIT 7

Natural Selection

~20-23 Class Periods

13-20% AP Exam Weighting

EVO

7.1 Introduction to Natural Selection

2

7.2 Natural Selection

EVO

7.3 Artificial Selection

EVO

7.4 Population Genetics

EVO

7.5 Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

EVO

7.6 Evidence of Evolution

EVO

7.7 Common Ancestry

EVO

7.8 Continuing Evolution

EVO

7.9 Phylogeny

2

7.10 Speciation

2

7.11 Extinction

SYI

7.12 Variations in Populations

SYI

7.13 Origin of Life on Earth

Personal Progress Check 7

Multiple-Choice: ~40 questions

Free-Response: 2 questions

- Interpreting and Evaluating Experimental Results
- Analyze Model or Visual Representation

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Course Skills

What biologists do

- Course skills describe **what students should be able to do** while exploring course concepts.
- Course skills also **form the basis of tasks** students are asked to perform on the AP Exam.
- Students will benefit from **multiple opportunities** to develop course skills in a scaffolded manner.

AP BIOLOGY Science	AP BIOLOGY Science Practices (cont'd)		
Science Practice 1 <i>Concept Explanation</i> 1 Explain biological concepts, processes, and models presented in written format.	Science Practice 4 <i>Representing and Describing Data</i> 4 Represent and describe data.	Science Practice 5 <i>Statistical Tests and Data Analysis</i> 5 Perform statistical tests and mathematical calculations to analyze and interpret data.	Science Practice 6 <i>Argumentation</i> 6 Develop and justify scientific arguments using evidence.
SKILLS	SKILLS	SKILLS	SKILLS
1.A Describe biological concepts and/or processes. 1.B Explain biological concepts and/or processes. 1.C Explain biological concepts, processes, and/or models in applied contexts.	4.A Construct a graph, plot, or chart (X,Y; Log Y; Bar; Histogram; Line, Dual Y; Box and Whisker; Pie). a. Orientation b. Labeling c. Units d. Scaling e. Plotting f. Type g. Trend line 4.B Describe data from a table or graph, including a. Identifying specific data points. b. Describing trends and/or patterns in the data. c. Describing relationships between variables.	5.A Perform mathematical calculations, including a. Mathematical equations in the curriculum. b. Means. c. Rates. d. Ratios. e. Percentages. 5.B Use confidence intervals and/or error bars (both determined using standard errors) to determine whether sample means are statistically different. 5.C Perform chi-square hypothesis testing. 5.D Use data to evaluate a hypothesis (or prediction), including a. Rejecting or failing to reject the null hypothesis. b. Supporting or refuting the alternative hypothesis.	6.A Make a scientific claim. 6.B Support a claim with evidence from biological principles, concepts, processes, and/or data. 6.C Provide reasoning to justify a claim by connecting evidence to biological theories. 6.D Explain the relationship between experimental results and larger biological concepts, processes, or theories. 6.E Predict the causes or effects of a change in, or disruption to, one or more components in a biological system based on a. Biological concepts or processes. b. A visual representation of a biological concept, process, or model. c. Data.

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Discussion:
Explore the course
plan and skills for
your course

How do the identified skills and
course plan compare to your
current course syllabus?

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- Is the suggested course plan different from how you currently teach the course? How?
 - How have the changes to the new course plan influenced you in your classroom?

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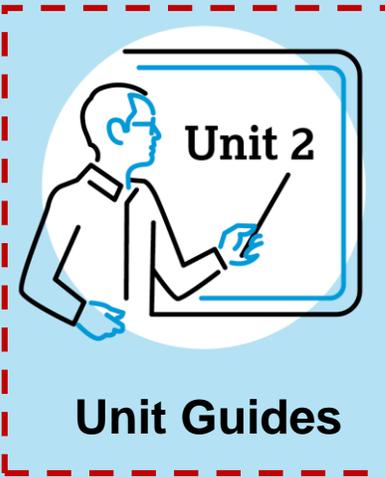
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AP Question Bank

A library of real AP Exam questions that teachers can access which can be used to create customized practice and tests

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UNIT 1

Foundations of American Democracy



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AP EXAM WEIGHTING



~7–9
CLASS PERIODS

UNIT AT A GLANCE

		Class Periods
LOR-1	1.1 Foundational Documents	1.1 Describe political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors illustrated in different scenarios in context.
	1.2 Types of Democracy	1.2 Describe the author's claim(s), perspective, evidence, and reasoning.
	1.3 Government Power and Individual Rights	1.3 Describe political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors.
CON-1	1.4 Challenges of the Articles of Confederation	1.4 Explain how the author's argument or perspective relates to political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors.
	1.5 Ratification of the U.S. Constitution	1.5 Explain how political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors apply to different scenarios in context.
PMI-1	1.6 Principles of American Government	1.6 Explain how the author's argument or perspective relates to political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors.
CON-2	1.7 Relationship Between the States and Federal Government	1.7 Articulate a defensible claim/thesis.
	1.8 Constitutional Interpretations of Federalism	1.8 Describe the facts, reasoning, decision, and majority opinion of required Supreme Court cases.
	1.9 Federalism in Action	1.9 Support the argument using relevant evidence.

Go to **AP Classroom** to assign the **Personal Progress Check** for Unit 1. Review the results in class to identify and address any student misunderstandings.

Required Foundational Document Required Supreme Court Case

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SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The sample activities on this page are optional and offered to provide possible ways to incorporate various instructional approaches into the classroom. Teachers do not need to use these activities or instructional approaches and are free to alter or edit them. The examples below were developed in partnership with teachers from the AP community to share ways that they approach teaching the content and skills in this unit. Please refer to the Instructional Approaches section beginning on p. 139 for more examples of activities and strategies.

Activity	Topic	Sample Activity
1	1.2 and 1.3	Close Reading When students are reading the required foundational documents, such as <i>Federalist No. 10</i> and <i>Brutus No. 1</i> , have them highlight relevant words and passages that support the authors' claims. Ask students to connect ideas outlined in the documents to the Federalist and Antifederalist views of how our government was founded.
2	1.3 and 1.6	Think-Pair-Share Give students a question that requires them to connect Madison's argument in <i>Federalist No. 51</i> to a) the structure of the three branches of government established in the Constitution and b) his argument about factions in <i>Federalist No. 10</i> .
3	1.8	Case Notes Have students create case notes for <i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> and <i>United States v. Lopez</i> that include the following information: facts of the case, majority opinion, and the reasoning (constitutional question) for the majority opinion. Make sure students focus on the constitutional reasoning behind the Court's decision.
4	1.9	Making Connections Write concepts related to one of the course big ideas on index cards, place them in a box, and have students pick a card at random. Give students a few minutes to gather and recall information about the term, and then pair students and ask them to find the connection between their concepts. Finally, ask the pairs to write a brief explanation of how the concepts are related.

Unit Planning Notes

Use the space below to plan your approach to the unit. Consider how to introduce your students to the required documents, including the Constitution, and its development and principles.

Topic Pages

- Each page is intended to represent a teachable **topic** or “chunk” of content – a chunk that might take anywhere from slightly less than a single class period to several class periods.

Foundations of American Democracy

UNIT 1

TOPIC 1.1
Ideals of Democracy

SUGGESTED SKILL
Concept Application
51D
Describe political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors illustrated in different scenarios in context.

Required Course Content

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ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE
LOR-1.A.1
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LOR-1.A.2
The Declaration of Independence, drafted by Jefferson with help from Adams and Franklin, provides a foundation for popular sovereignty, while the **U.S. Constitution** drafted at the Philadelphia Convention and led by George Washington, with important contributions from Madison, Hamilton, and members of the “Grand Committee,” provides the blueprint for a unique form of political democracy in the U.S.

REQUIRED FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENT
• Declaration of Independence

OPTIONAL READINGS
• Thomas Hobbes’s definition of an anarchic “state of nature” in the absence of government, as in the failed state of Somalia
• The Mayflower Compact (1620)
• John Locke’s *Second Treatise of Civil Government* (1690)
• Baron de Montesquieu’s ideas about separating powers in government found in *The Spirit of the Laws* (1748)

AVAILABLE RESOURCE
• AP Professional Development - Reading Skills Practice (Declaration of Independence)

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Questions?

Formative Assessments





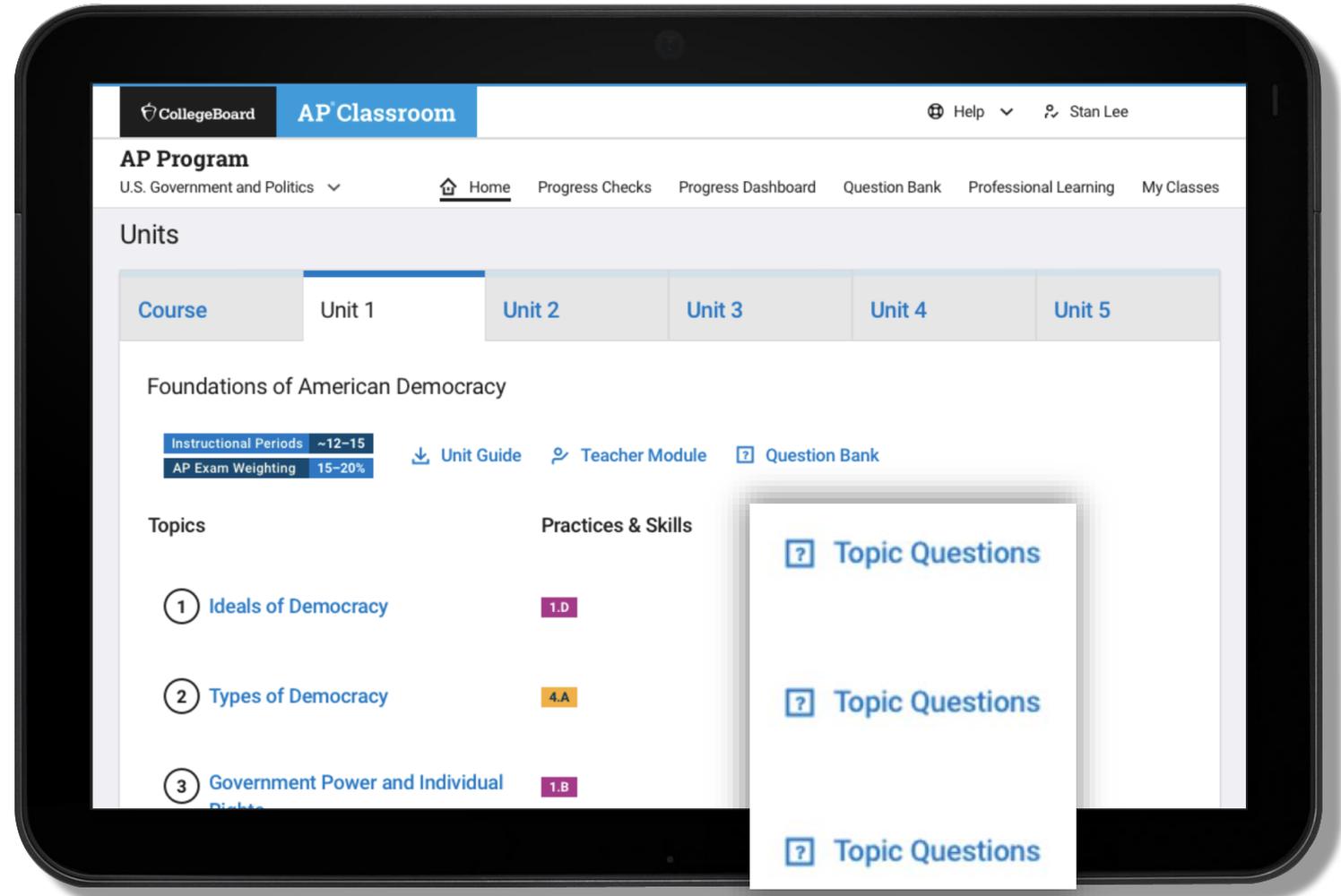
Topic Questions

Check for understanding as you teach each topic and skill.

Topic Questions

Teachers can assign topic questions to students online or on paper.

- Topic question links in each unit show MCQ and FRQ for each topic
- Teachers preview and decide which questions to add to their own quizzes in the Question Bank



Question Analysis

Feedback for every formative AP question explains the correct answer and every incorrect answer to help students reflect and improve.

Which of the following is the best example of the core value of limited government?

- A Interest groups lobbying the government to influence legislation on a particular issue. 5 👤
- B The media covering a confirmation hearing for a potential Supreme Court justice. 3 👤
- C Citizens voting to elect a new member of the United States Congress. 2 👤
- D The United States Constitution delegating specific powers to Congress. ✓ 20 👤**

Related Content & Skills

Topic
4.1 [AP Questions](#)

Skill
1.D [AP Questions](#)

Related Questions on this Quiz

[Question 1](#)

[Question 3](#)

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Answer D

Correct. The United States Constitution's delegation of specific powers to Congress is sometimes viewed as an attempt to limit Congress to those general powers.

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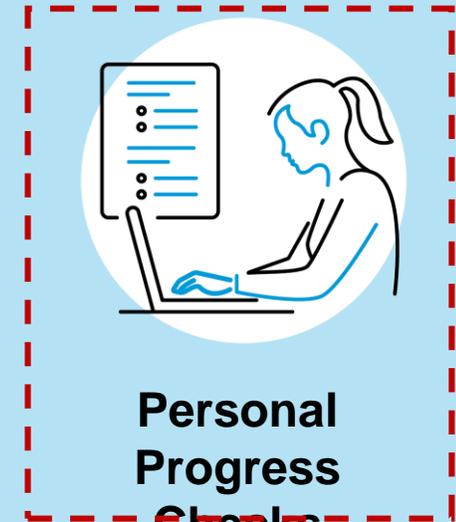
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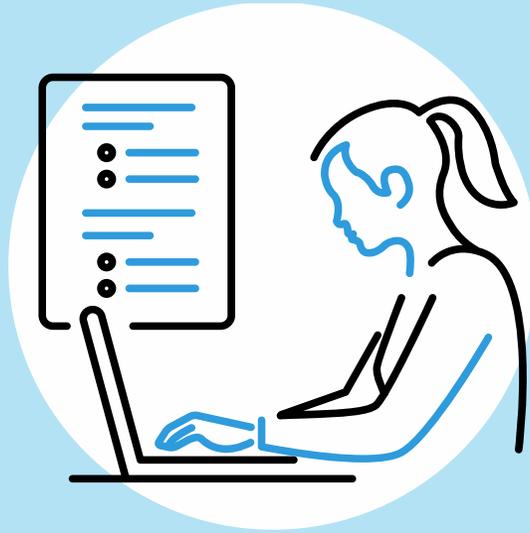
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As students complete each unit, assign for feedback on the areas for additional focus or practice.

Personal Progress Checks Overview

PPC information provided at the bottom of the Course at a Glance.

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This course and exam feedback from teachers, the Government and Politics 1

• It details the required AP U.S. Government and Politics course and success.

• It offers optional pacing information from Government and Politics teachers from scratch.

• It includes an exam information section for AP U.S. Government and Politics 1.

• It provides a variety of instructional strategies that teachers may draw upon.

Teachers can visit AP Classroom for more information on Personal Progress Checks for AP U.S. Government and Politics 1, which lets them easily see how they need to focus on.

UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	UNIT 5
Foundations of American Democracy	Interactions Among Branches of Government	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	Political Participation
-7-9	-13-15	-12-14	-10-12	-8-10
<p>1.1 Meals of Democracy □</p> <p>1.2 Types of Democracy □</p> <p>1.3 Government Power and Individual Rights □</p> <p>1.4 Challenges of the Articles of Confederation □</p> <p>1.5 Ratification of the United States Constitution □</p> <p>1.6 Principles of American Government □</p> <p>1.7 Relationship Between States and the Federal Government □</p> <p>1.8 Constitutional Interpretations of Federalism □</p> <p>1.9 Federalism in Action □</p>	<p>2.1 Congress: The Senate and the House of Representatives □</p> <p>2.2 Structure, Powers, and Practices of Congress □</p> <p>2.3 Congressional Behavior □</p> <p>2.4 Role and Powers of the President □</p> <p>2.5 Checks on the Presidency □</p> <p>2.6 Separation of Presidential Power □</p> <p>2.7 Presidential Communication □</p> <p>2.8 The Judicial Branch □</p> <p>2.9 Legitimacy of the Judicial Branch □</p> <p>2.10 The Court in Action □</p> <p>2.11 Checks on the Judicial Branch □</p> <p>2.12 The Bureaucracy □</p> <p>2.13 Discretionary and Rule-Making Authority □</p> <p>2.14 Holding the Bureaucracy Accountable □</p> <p>2.15 Policy and the Branches of Government □</p>	<p>3.1 The Bill of Rights □</p> <p>3.2 First Amendment: Freedom of Religion □</p> <p>3.3 First Amendment: Freedom of Speech □</p> <p>3.4 First Amendment: Freedom of the Press □</p> <p>3.5 Second Amendment: Right to Bear Arms □</p> <p>3.6 Amendments: Balancing Individual Freedom with Public Order and Safety □</p> <p>3.7 Substantive Interpretation □</p> <p>3.8 Amendments: Due Process and the Rights of Due Accord □</p> <p>3.9 Amendments: Due Process and the Right to Privacy □</p> <p>3.10 Social Movements and Equal Protection □</p> <p>3.11 Government Responses to Social Movements □</p> <p>3.12 Balancing Minority and Majority Rights □</p> <p>3.13 Affirmative Action □</p>	<p>4.1 American Attitudes About Government and Politics □</p> <p>4.2 Political Socialization □</p> <p>4.3 Change in Ideology □</p> <p>4.4 Influence of Political Events on Ideology □</p> <p>4.5 Measuring Public Opinion □</p> <p>4.6 Evaluating Public Opinion Data □</p> <p>4.7 Ideologies of Political Parties □</p> <p>4.8 Ideology and Policy Making □</p> <p>4.9 Ideology and Economic Policy □</p> <p>4.10 Ideology and Social Policy □</p>	<p>5.1 Writing Rights and Models of Voting Behavior □</p> <p>5.2 Voter Turnout □</p> <p>5.3 Political Parties □</p> <p>5.4 How and Why Political Parties Change and Adapt □</p> <p>5.5 Third-Party Politics □</p> <p>5.6 Interest Groups Influencing Policy Making □</p> <p>5.7 Groups Influencing Policy Outcomes □</p> <p>5.8 Electing a President □</p> <p>5.9 Congressional Elections □</p> <p>5.10 Modern Campaigns □</p> <p>5.11 Campaign Finance □</p> <p>5.12 The Media □</p> <p>5.13 Changing Media □</p>

Personal Progress Check 1

- Multiple-choice: ~20 questions**
Free-response: 3 questions
- Concept Application
 - Argument Essay (partial)
 - Argument Essay (partial)

Personal Progress Check 2

- Multiple-choice: ~45 questions**
Free-response: 3 questions
- Concept Application
 - Quantitative Analysis
 - SCOTUS Comparison

Personal Progress Check 3

- Multiple-choice: ~30 questions**
Free-response: 3 questions
- SCOTUS Comparison
 - Argument Essay (partial)
 - Argument Essay (partial)

Personal Progress Check 4

- Multiple-choice: ~30 questions**
Free-response: 3 questions
- Concept Application
 - Quantitative Analysis
 - Quantitative Analysis

Personal Progress Check 5

- Multiple-choice: ~30 questions**
Free-response: 3 questions
- Quantitative Analysis
 - Argument Essay
 - Argument Essay

Personal Progress Check Questions

Questions assess every content area and skill on the Unit at a Glance.

UNIT 1 Foundations of American Democracy

UNIT AT A GLANCE

Topic	Suggested Skill	Class Periods
1.1 Ideals of Democracy II	1.d Describe political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors illustrated in different scenarios in context.	~7-9 CLASS PERIODS

UNIT 1 Foundations of American Democracy

SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The sample activities on this page are optional and offered to provide possible ways to incorporate various instructional approaches into the classroom. Teachers do not need to use these activities or instructional approaches and are free to alter or edit them. The examples below were developed in partnership with teachers from the AP community to share ways that they approach teaching the content and skills in this unit. Please refer to the Instructional Approaches section beginning on p. 139 for more examples of activities and strategies.

Activity	Topic	Sample Activity

Topic # and Title

Suggested Disciplinary Practice

1.1 Ideals of Democracy	Practice 1.d: Describe political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors illustrated in different scenarios in context.
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ANAL APPROACHES

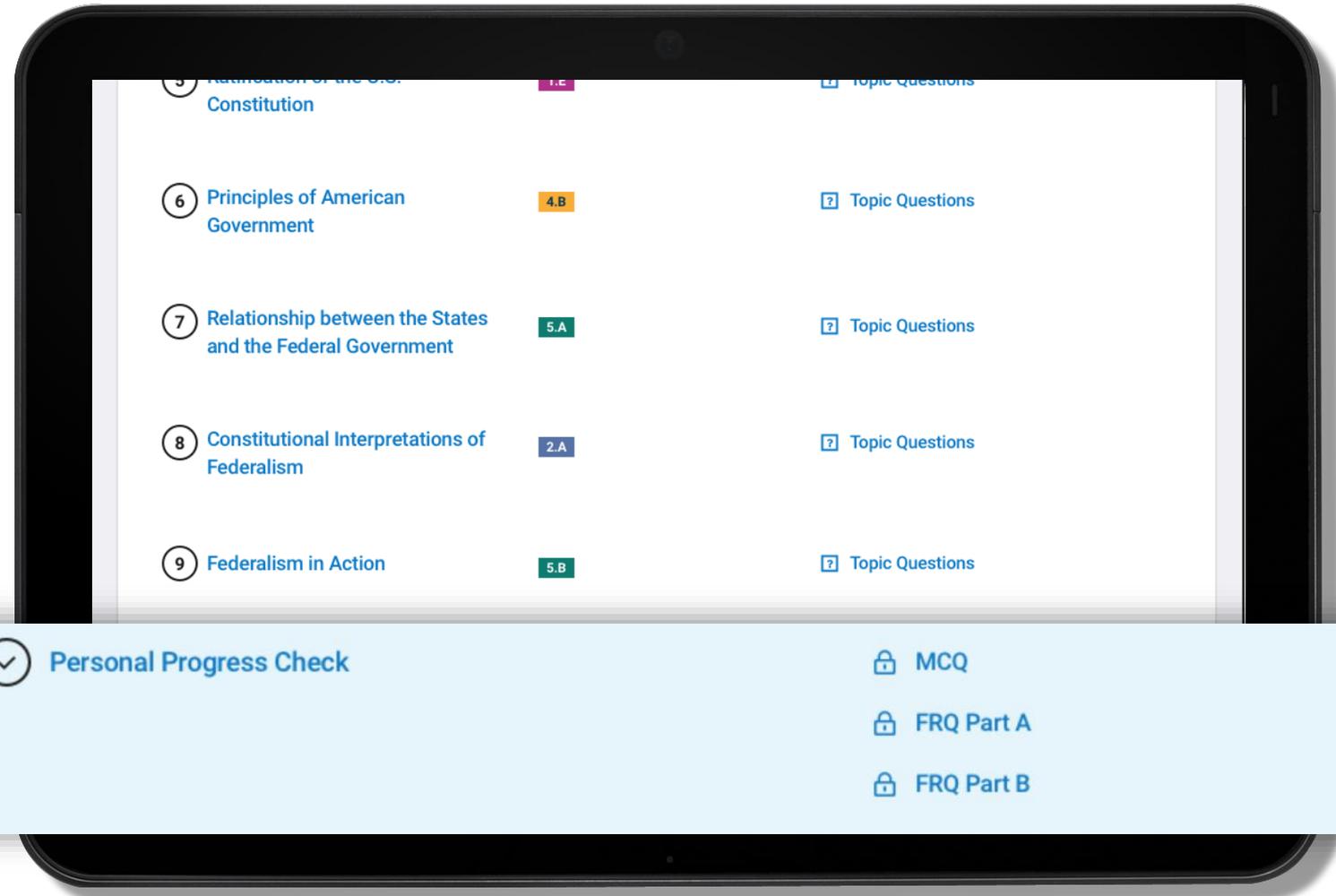
EXAM INFORMATION

Units and Personal Progress Checks

When ready, teachers can unlock **Personal Progress Checks** to assess the content and skills in each unit.

Designed to fit in 45-minute periods or homework assignments, with sections that can be assigned separately:

- **Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)** for online test taking
- **Free Response Questions (FRQ)** for online or paper test taking



Discussion:
Explore personal
progress checks for
your content

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- Assuming you have access to AP Classroom, how comfortable are you with navigating the site?
 - How are you currently using this tool in your classroom?

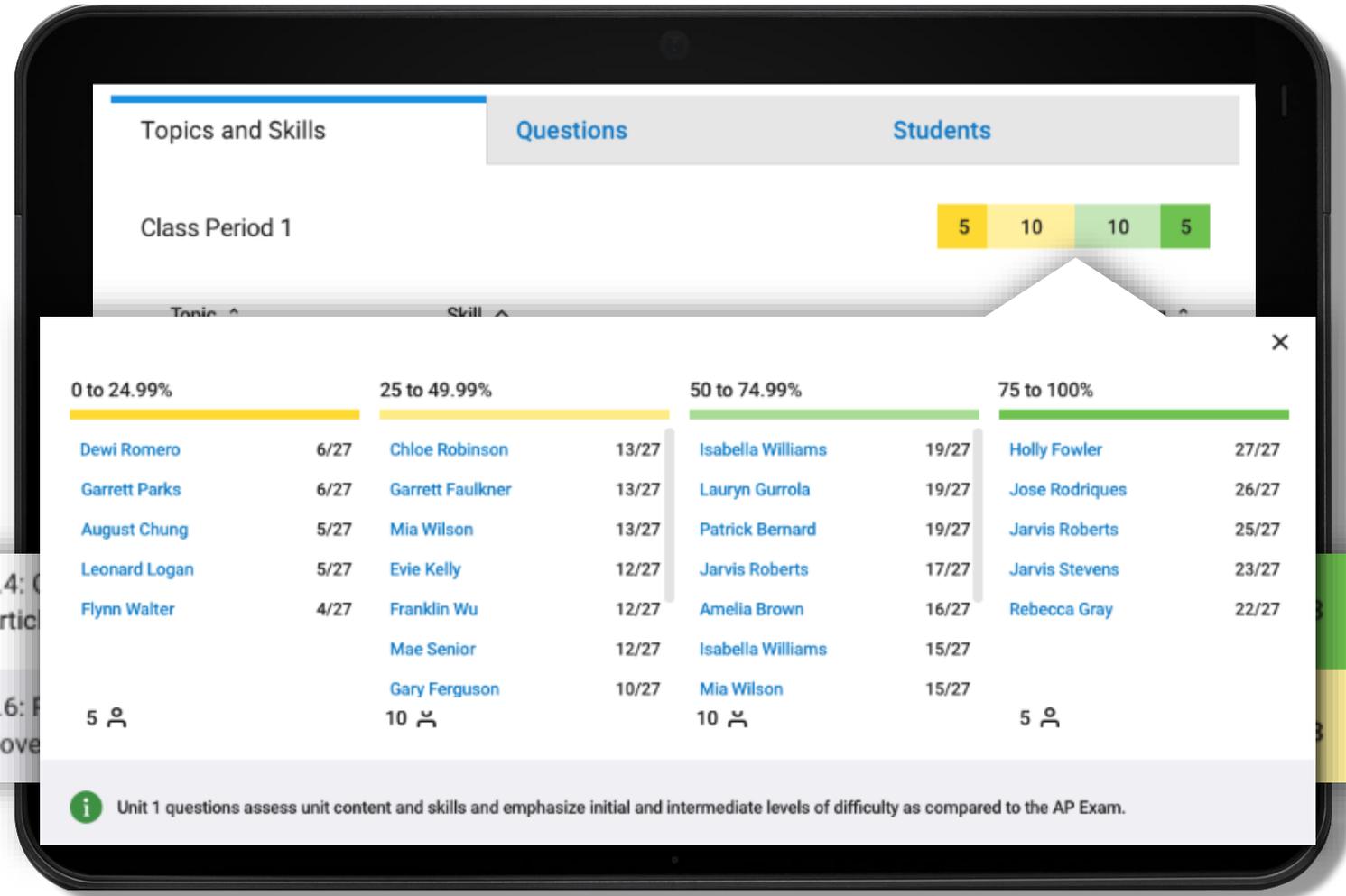
Class Progress Report by Skill

Teachers can easily compare any topics paired with the same skill.

Results display on a simple 25% scale:

- Dark yellow: 0 – 24.99%
- Light yellow: 25 – 49.99%
- Light green: 50 – 74.99%
- Dark green: 75 – 100%

As formative assessments, the score is not important but using the feedback is.



Class Progress Report by Student

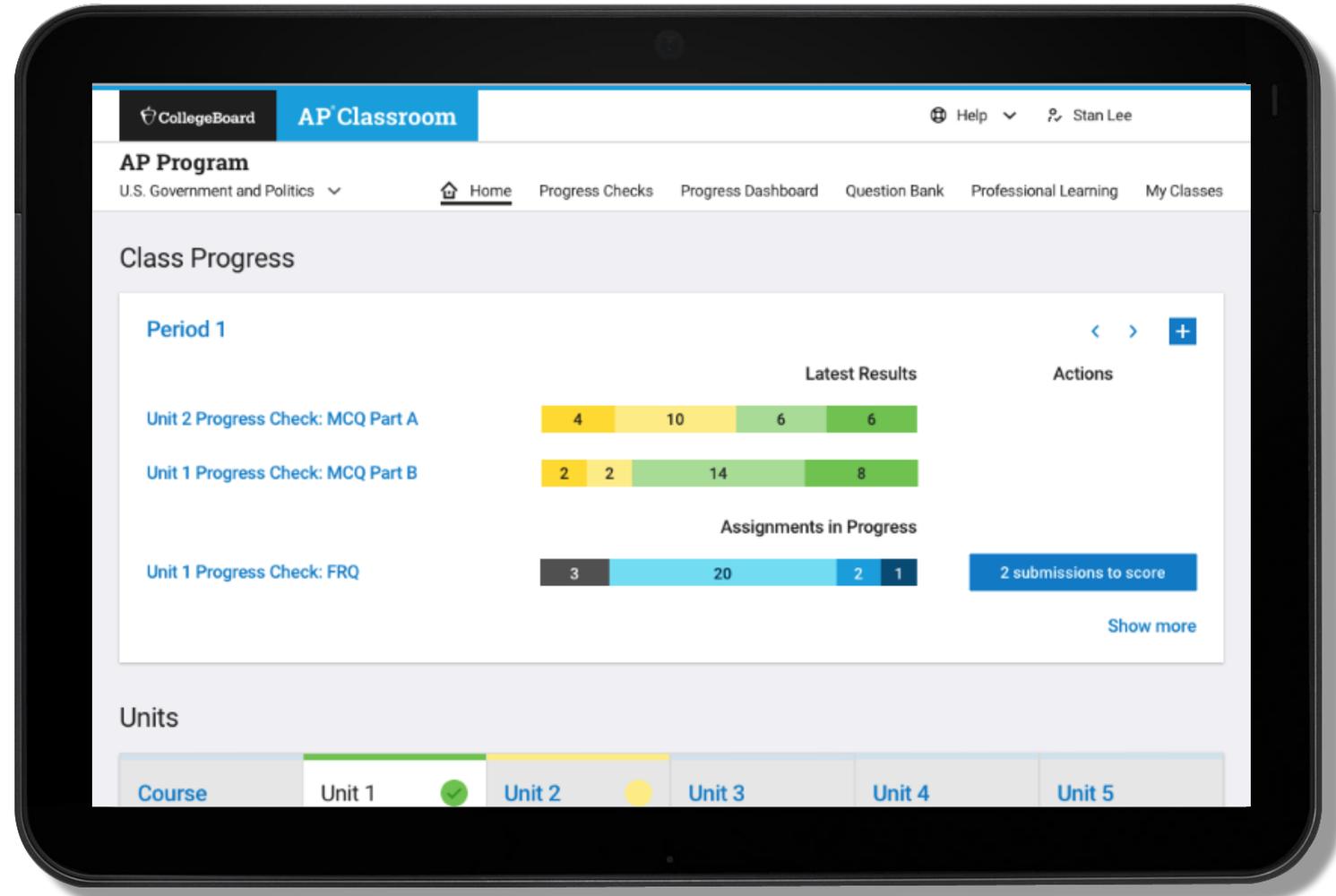
Teachers can identify trends in student responses to each question.

The screenshot displays a 'Class Progress Report by Student' interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Topics and Skills', 'Questions', and 'Students'. The 'Students' tab is active. Below the tabs, the text 'Class 1' is shown on the left, and 'Average: 17/27' is shown on the right, next to a 'Print Report' button. An information icon (i) is followed by a note: 'Unit 1 questions assess unit content and skills and emphasize initial and intermediate levels of difficulty as compared to the AP Exam.' Below this is a table with the following columns: 'Name', 'Points Earned', 'Question 1', 'Question 2', 'Question 3', 'Question 4', 'Question 5', 'Question 6', and 'Question 7'. The table lists the following students and their scores:

Name	Points Earned	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6	Question 7
Amelia Brown	16/27	C	C	D	B	B	C	
August Chung	5/27	C	A	D	B	B	D	
Chloe Robinson	13/27	B	A	C	B	C	D	
Dewi Romero	6/27	A	A	A	B	C	A	
Dustin Magana	10/27	D	A	C	B	C	A	
Evie Kelly	12/27	C	A	C	B	A	D	
Flynn Walter	4/27	D	D	C	B	B	C	
Franklin Wu	12/27	D	D	C	B	D	D	

Dynamic Teacher Homepage

As students complete their personal progress checks, their latest progress will elevate for teachers.



Putting It Together

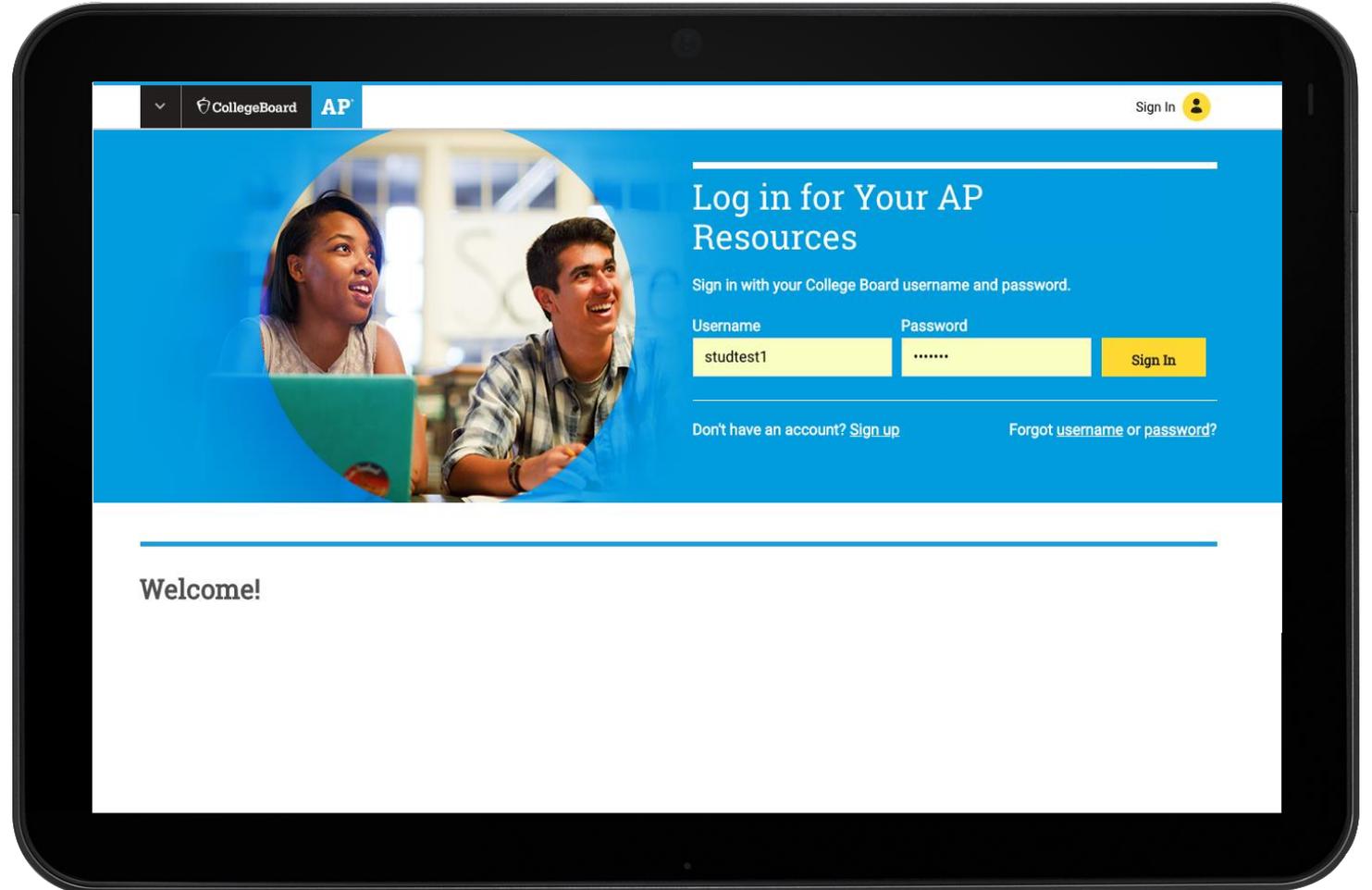
A blue-tinted photograph of four people jumping over a wooden fence in a grassy field. The people are captured in mid-air, with their arms raised and hair blowing, suggesting a joyful and energetic moment. The background shows rolling hills under a clear sky.

Accessing Online Resources



My AP

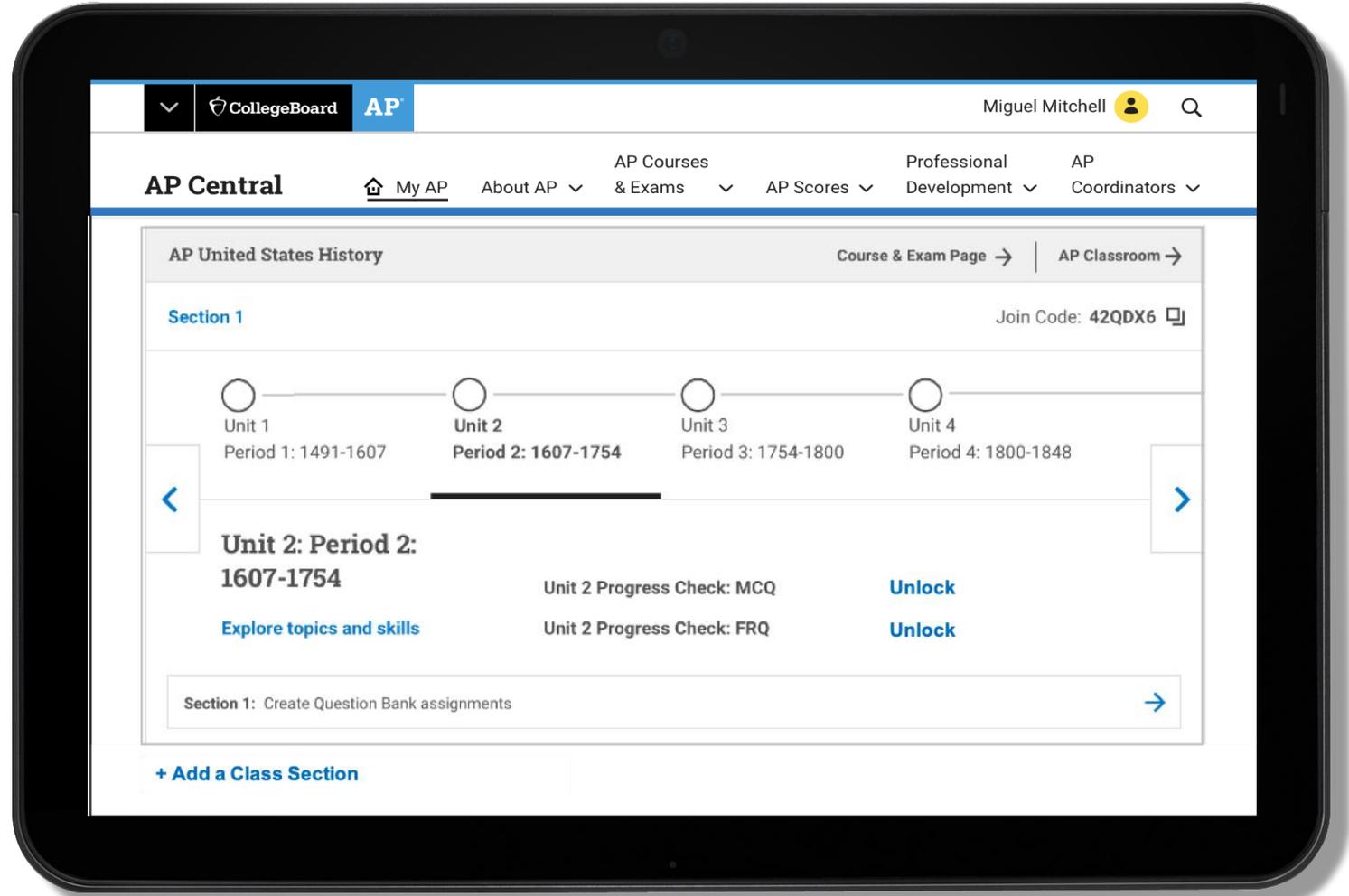
Educators and students will access the new resources by logging into myap.collegeboard.org on August 1



My AP

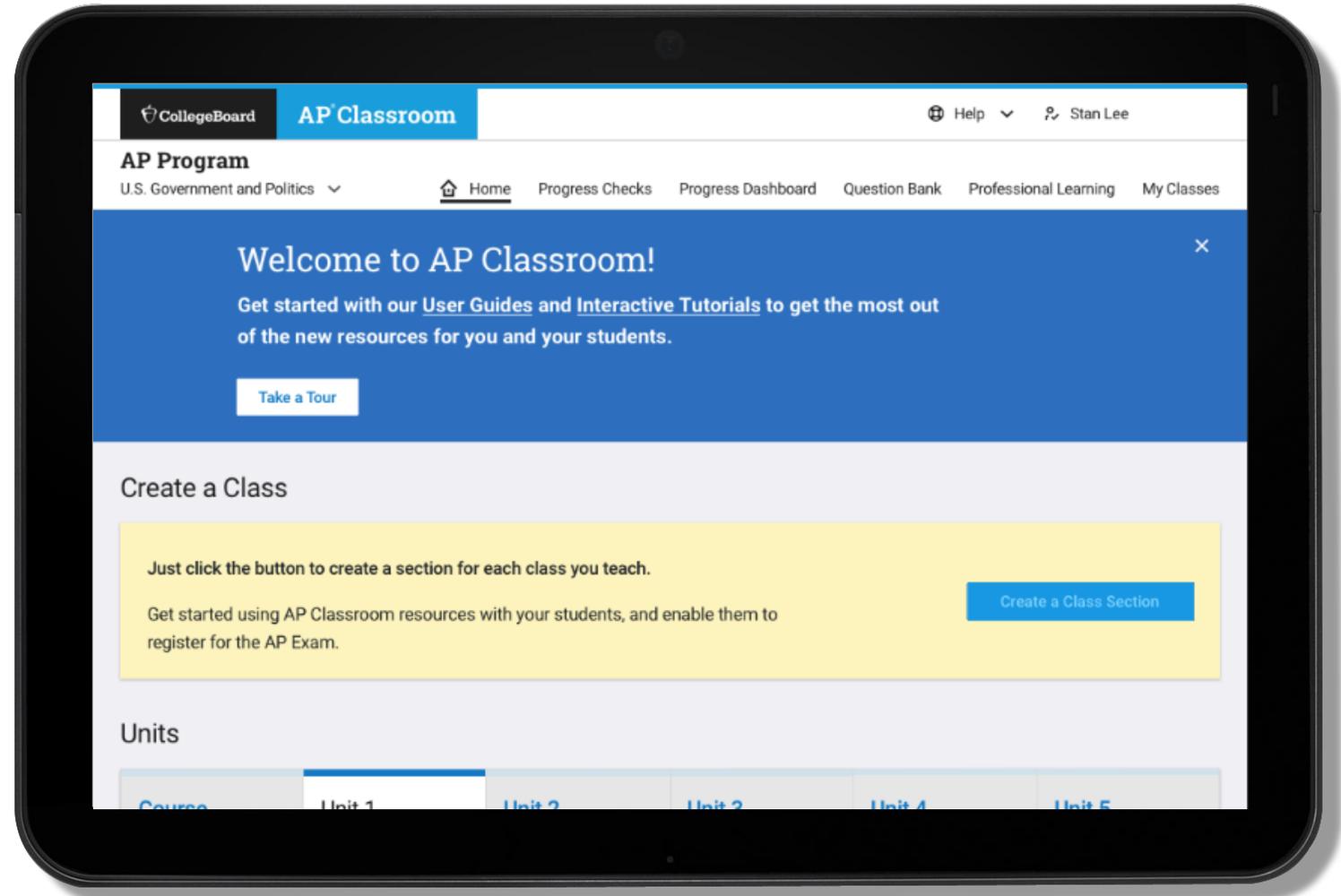
Educators who log into AP Central will have a new personalized homepage.

- AP courses taught at their school(s)
- Dynamic timeline, tasks, and data
- Easy access to all relevant tools, including:
 - AP Classroom
 - AP Course Audit
 - AP Digital Portfolio
 - AP Scores



AP Classroom

Online platform where teachers and students can access all the instructional resources.



Integrated Digital Experience

The Unit Guides are digitized in a new daily classroom tool: AP Classroom.

- **Unit** tabs for every unit include relevant resources aligned to the CED
- **Unit Guide** links provide easy access to instructional strategies and details
- **Topic** links provided details for every topic (if relevant to your course)
- **Skills** are color coded just like in the CED to help you spiral across units

The screenshot displays the AP Classroom interface on a tablet. At the top, the CollegeBoard logo and 'AP Classroom' header are visible. Below this, the 'AP Program' section is shown for 'U.S. Government and Politics'. The 'Units' section features tabs for Unit 1, Unit 3, Unit 4, and Unit 5. A 'Unit Guide' link is highlighted for Unit 1, and a 'Concept Application' pop-up window is shown for topic 1.D. The pop-up window contains the following text:

1.D Concept Application

Describe political principles, institutions, processes, policies, and behaviors illustrated in different scenarios in context.

Progress Dashboard



Resources and Supports for AP

Unit Guides

Planning guides that outline content and skills for commonly-taught units within a course

Personal Progress Checks

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Progress Dashboard

Interactive reports that help teachers understand student progress on learning critical concepts and skills



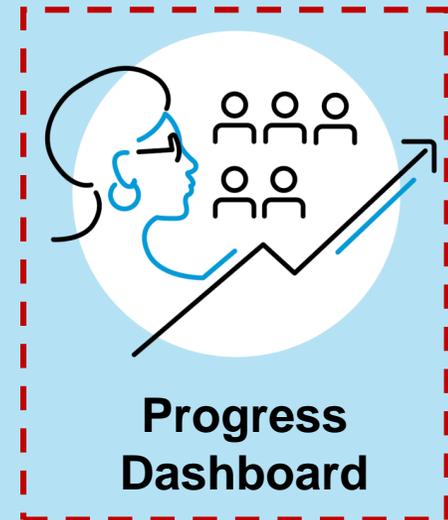
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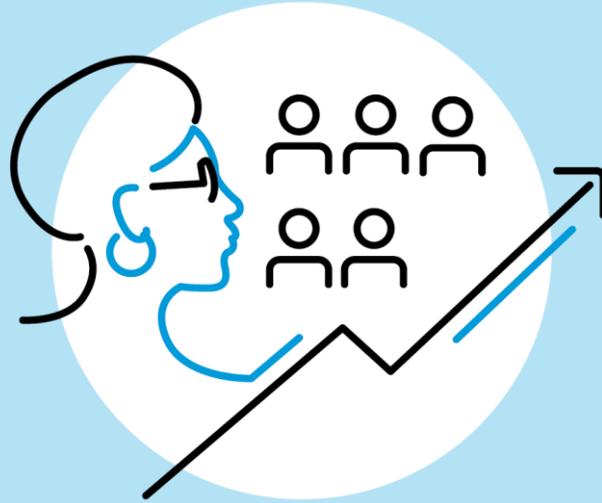
Personal Progress Checks



AP Question Bank



Progress Dashboard

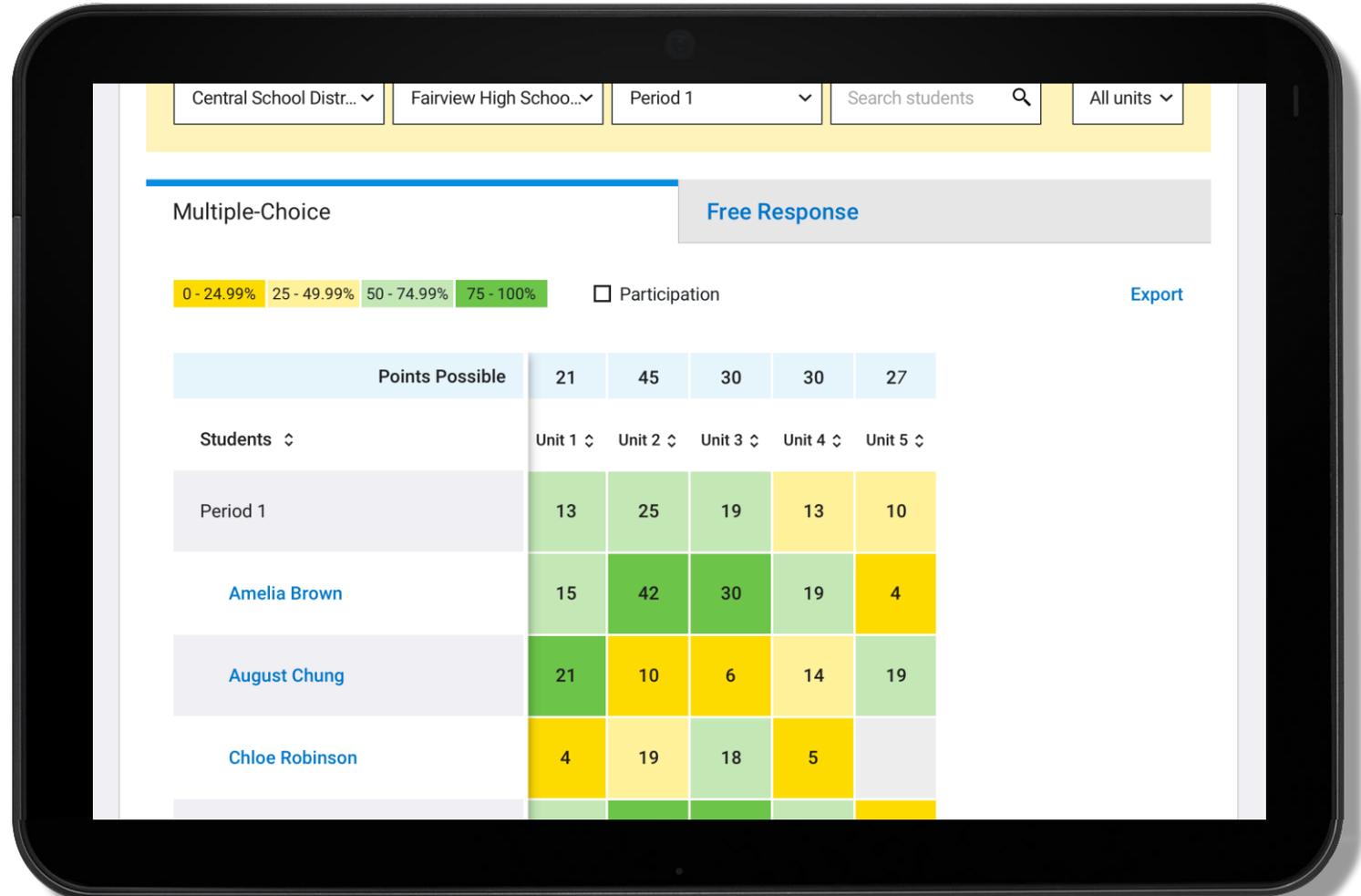


Progress Dashboard

Interactive reports highlight student progress as they learn critical concepts and skills.

Progress Dashboard Preview

View progress for every student and class across AP units and skills.



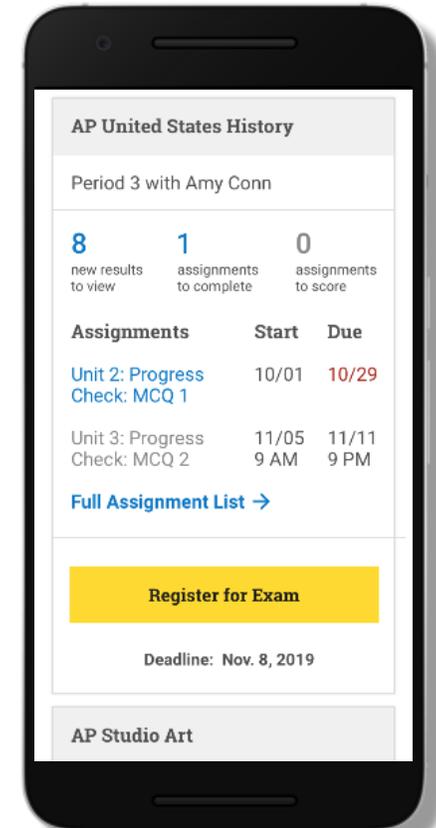
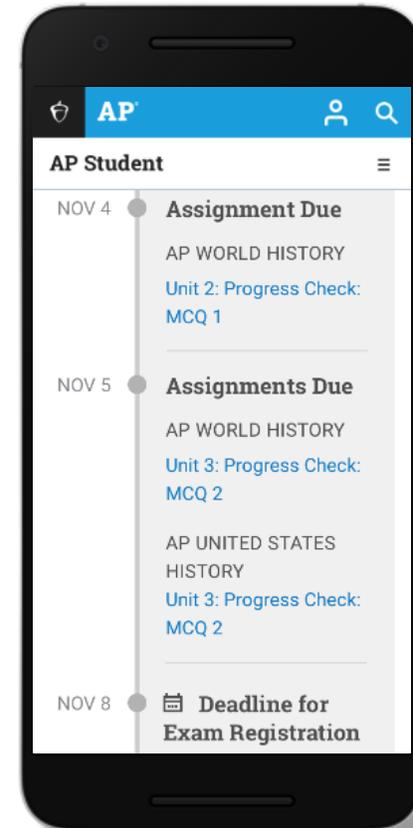
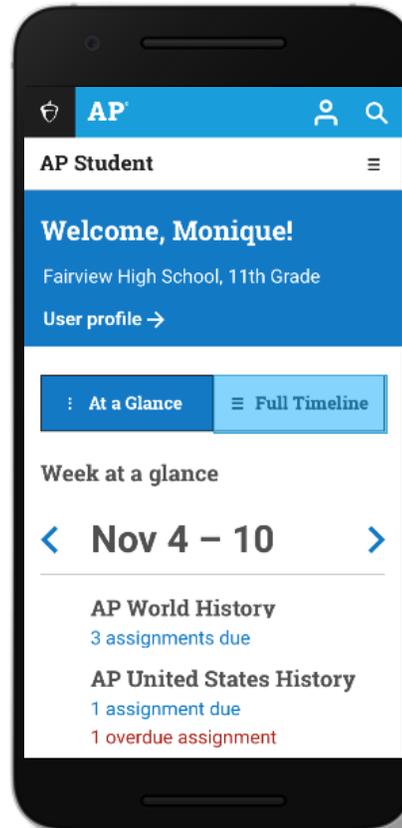
Student Digital Experience

A blue-tinted photograph of three students working together on a project. They are focused on a task, possibly related to digital technology or engineering, as they work with a complex assembly of components on a table. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the students and their work.

My AP

Students who log into AP Students will have a new personalized homepage:

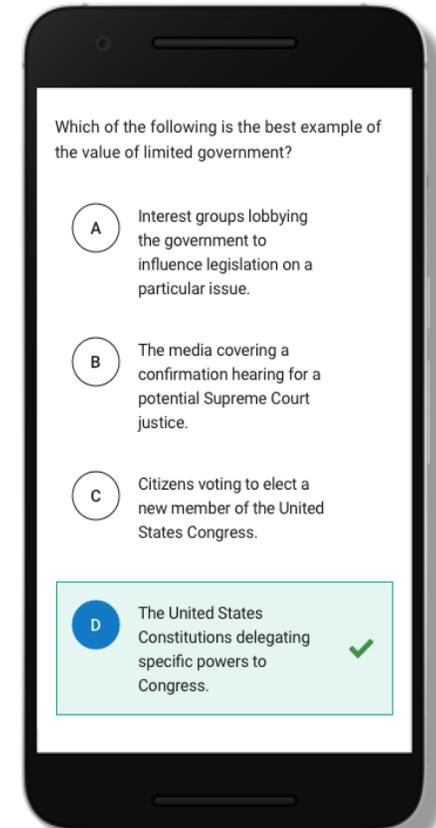
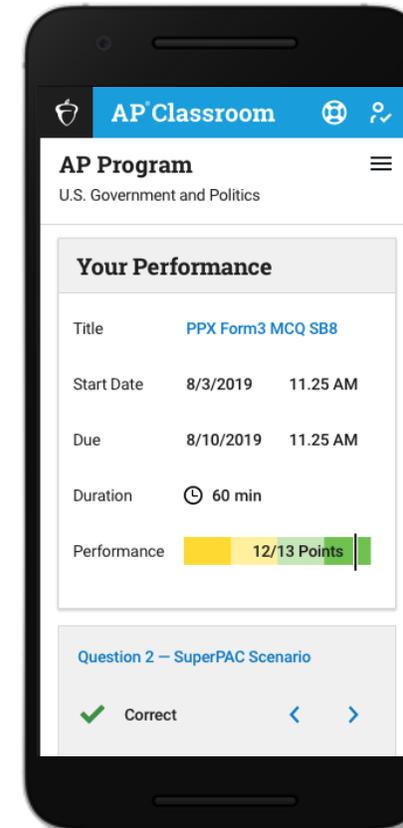
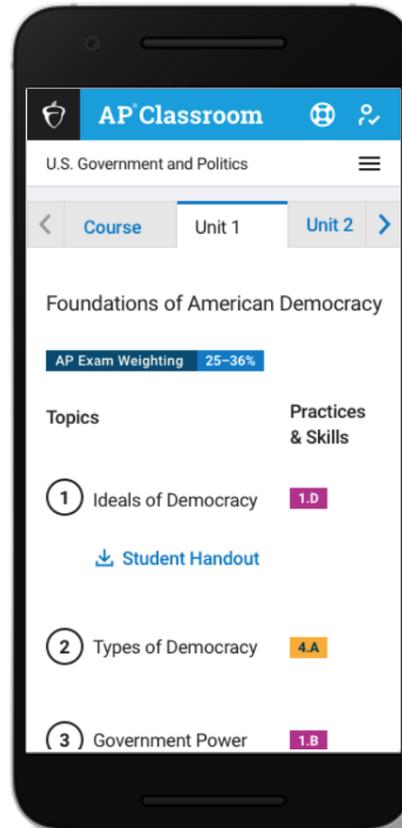
- AP courses taken
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AP Classroom

Students will use AP Classroom for:

- Unit outlines and resources
- Personal Progress Checks
- Progress Dashboard
- Question Bank Assignments

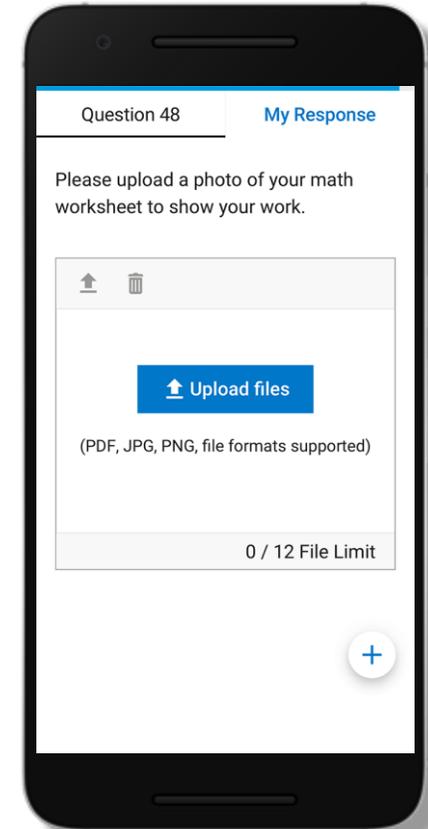
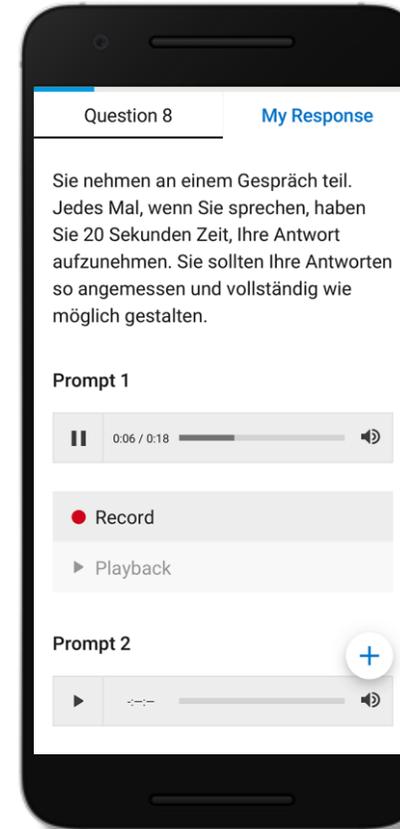


AP Classroom Test Player

Students can use phones, tablets or laptops to answer most AP questions:

- **Multiple Choice**
- **Free Response**
 - Text
 - Audio (speaking and listening)
 - Photo or file upload
 - Use paper and take a picture
 - Save digital work and upload

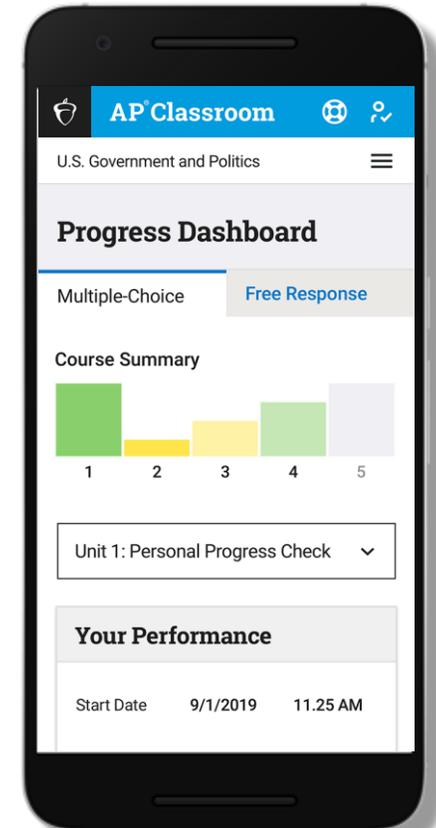
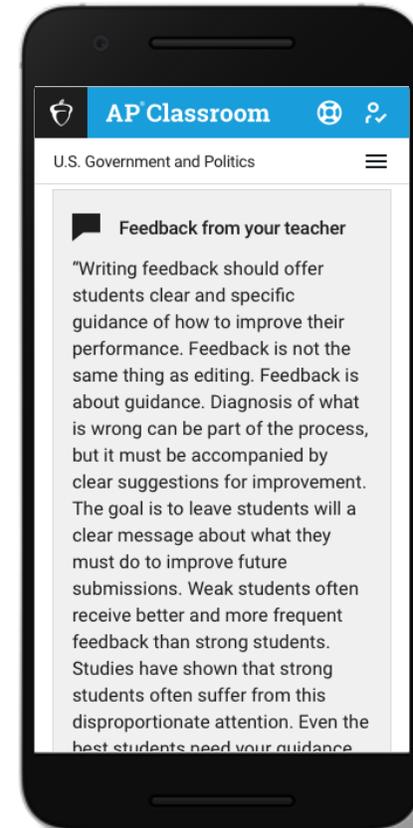
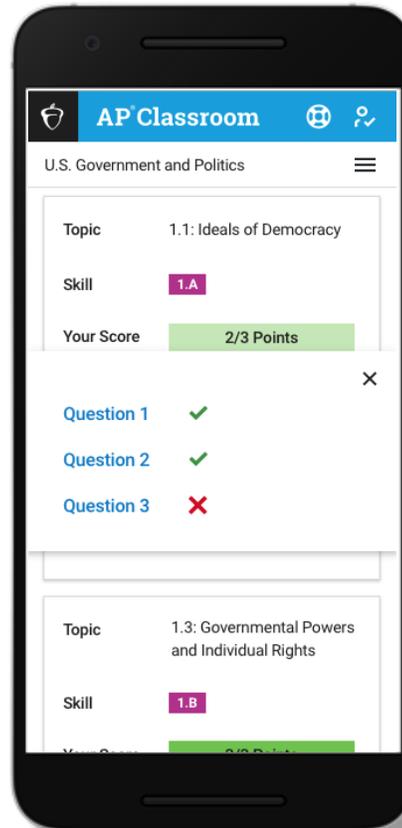
Teachers can also assign Free Response questions by downloading our custom paper test booklets.



AP Classroom Feedback

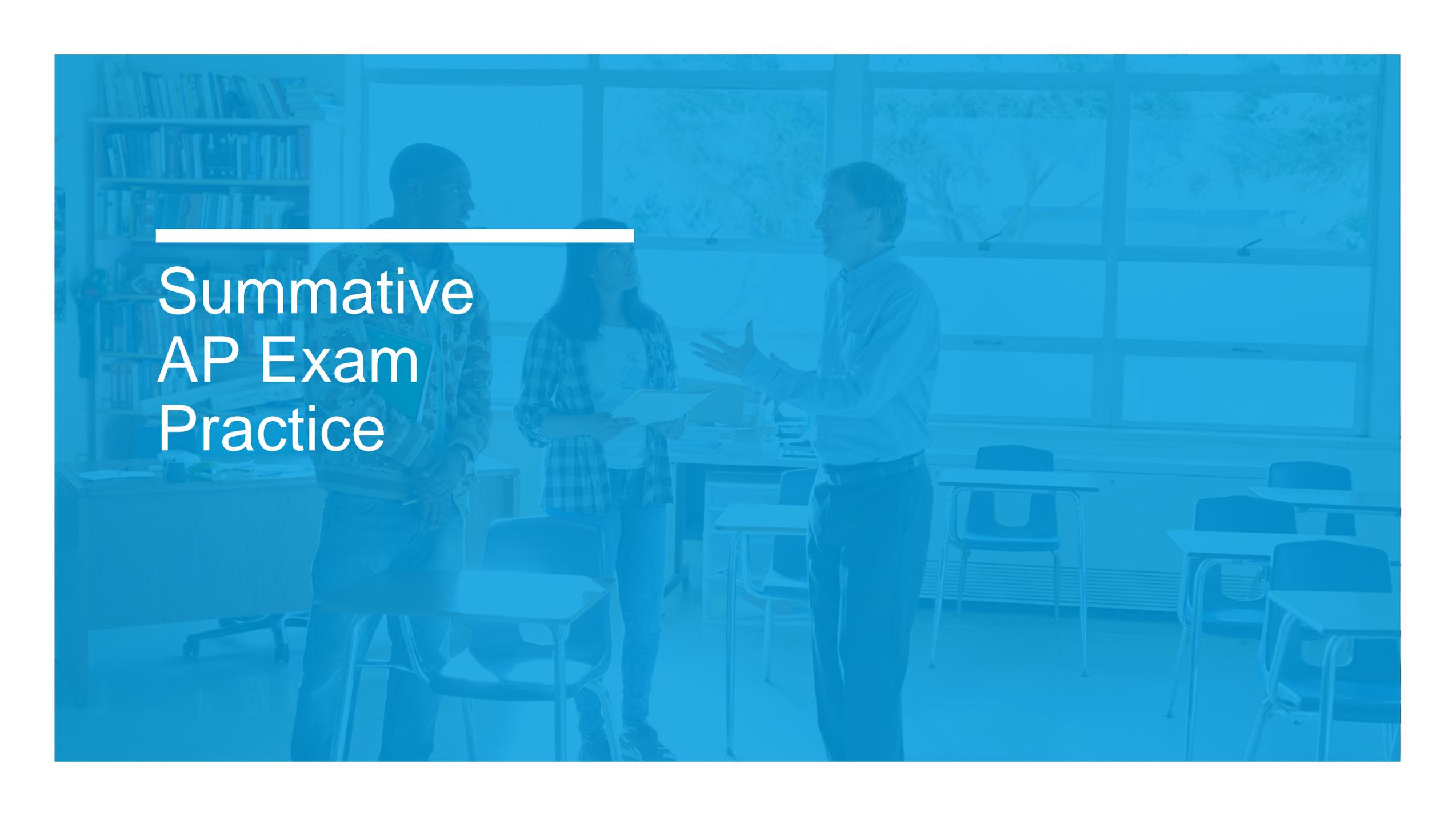
Students will get feedback:

- **On every topic and skill**
- **On every question:**
 - correct and incorrect answers,
 - rationales for formative questions
- **On their own dashboard** so they can see their own progress over time
- **From teachers**, who can provide personalized feedback to each student



Questions?

Summative AP Exam Practice



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Personal Progress Checks



AP Question Bank



Progress Dashboard



AP Question Bank

Teachers access this library of real AP questions to create customized tests for students to take on paper or online.

AP Question Bank

Boosts student practice with every available AP question in one place.

- Indexed by content and skills
- Create customized practice and tests that can be assigned online or on paper as in-class assignments or homework
- Create new questions or edit existing questions
- Enables students to practice on assignments from teachers and get detailed results

The screenshot shows the AP Classroom Question Bank interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CollegeBoard logo, 'AP Classroom', and user options like 'Help' and 'USGoPoTeach...'. Below this is the 'AP Program' section, currently set to 'U.S. Government and Politics', with navigation links for 'Home', 'Progress Checks', 'Progress Dashboard', 'Question Bank', 'Professional Learning', and 'My Classes'. The main heading is 'Question Bank', with tabs for 'Create', 'Assign', 'Progress', and 'Results'. A 'Filter' section allows users to refine questions by 'Units and Topics', 'Practices and Skills', 'Assessment Purpose', 'Security', 'Big Ideas & Learning Objectives', 'Reasoning Processes', 'AP Exam Alignment', and 'Previously Used Questions'. Active filters are shown as 'Skill 1.A', 'Formative', and 'Secure Classroom Use'. A 'Remove Filters' button is also present. Below the filters, it indicates '4 of 4 Questions' and includes an 'Author New Question' button. A table lists the questions with columns for Title, Type, Unit, Practice and Skill, and Actions (Preview, Add).

Title	Type	Unit	Practice and Skill	Actions
Practice Question 1	MCQ	1	Concept Application	Preview Add
Practice Question 2	MCQ	1	Concept Application	Preview Add
Practice Question 3	MCQ	1	Concept Application	Preview Add
Practice Question 1	FRQ	1	Concept Application	Preview Add

AP Question Bank

Boosts student practice with every available AP question in one place.

- Previously used questions are indicated (in orange)
- Assessment Builder helps teachers create and customize assignments for students

CollegeBoard AP Classroom

U.S. Government and Politics

126 of 401 Questions

Title	Type	Unit	Practice and Skill	Actions
My Unique MCQ Qu...	MCQ	1	Concept Application	Preview Add
Practice Question 1	FRQ	1	SCOTUS Application	Preview Add
Practice Question 1	MCQ	1	Data Analysis	Preview Add
Practice Question 1	FRQ	1	Source Analysis	Preview Add
Practice Question 1	MCQ	1	Argumentation	Preview Add
Practice Question 2	MCQ	1	Concept Application	Preview Add

Author New Question

My Assessment Builder

Assessment Title

GoPo Period 1 Assessment

Descriptive titles are best.

Delete Assign Save

Preview Question

Practice Question 1 FRQ

Preview Question

AP Assessments to Guide Instruction



Topic Questions

Use when you teach each topic and skill

- Teachers assign as homework
- Question results reveal mis
 - Teachers target con
 - Students understand



Personal Progress Checks

Use when students complete each unit based on Topic Questions

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-
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Practice Questions & Practice Exams

Use when students prepare for Exam and as scaffolded instruction

- More than 15K AP Exam questions are indexed by content and skills in the AP Question Bank.
- Summative AP questions are best used to help students understand AP exam expectations and as prep towards the end of the year, as they assess content and skills from throughout the course.
- If administered online, or scores entered online, teachers and students view results by question.
- Scoring guidelines from the AP Reading help teachers score free response questions.



AP Exam

FORMAL

Discussion:
Explore the AP
Question Bank for
your content

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- How do you envision or how are you currently using this tool in your classroom? Will it be strictly summative for you?

Questions?

