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AP U.S. History: Updates for 2019-20

- To bring you and your students new classroom resources and supports, we're making updates to AP® U.S. History for the 2019-20 school year.

- These updates will give you a clearer sense of the content and skills that will be tested on the AP Exam. They'll also ensure that the exam format remains consistent from year to year.

- You won't need to update your syllabus in the AP Course Audit.

- Starting in August, you'll need to complete a simple digital activation process to access the new resources and help your students register for their exams.

Course Updates

AP U.S. History has been updated for the 2019-20 school year to make things clearer for you and your students and to better align with college-level expectations.

Currently	Starting in 2019-20
A course and exam description (CED) is available to help you plan your instruction.	Starting in late May 2019, you'll have access to an **updated course and exam description (CED)** that more clearly outlines all required course content and defines how that content will be assessed on the exam.
The current CED is organized by nine historical periods.	**The updated CED organizes the course into nine units**, one for each of the historical periods in the current CED. By organizing the course content and skills into units, we're able to give you and your students free formative assessments—personal progress checks—that you can assign throughout the year to measure student progress. We want to respect your time and expertise by providing a road map you can modify and adapt to your local priorities and preferences. You can choose to follow this suggestion for how content can be sequenced and paced. As always, you'll have the flexibility to organize the course content as you like.
The current CED includes seven unifying themes.	The updated CED includes **eight** themes, with the current theme of Culture and Society now divided into two separate themes: **American and Regional Culture** and **Social Structures**.

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In the current CED, multiple learning objectives are connected to multiple key concepts.	**Each learning objective is now clearly connected to specific topics in the framework.** With this kind of specificity, you and your students will know **how** that content will be assessed on the AP Exam.
The current CED includes history disciplinary practices and reasoning skills in a separate section not specifically integrated with the course content.	The framework in the updated CED now outlines **more specific thinking skills and reasoning processes that AP U.S. History students should practice throughout the year**—skills and processes that will help them learn to think and act like historians. For example, students will analyze historical developments and processes, analyze primary and secondary sources, and develop an argument.

Exam Updates

Starting in the 2019-20 school year, there won't be substantial updates to the AP U.S. History Exam:

- The short answer questions will now be more tightly aligned with the course skills.

- The weighting, timing, and number of questions in each exam section aren't changing.

- The rubrics for the document-based question and long essay question aren't changing.

You'll find complete details about the updated AP U.S. History course and exam in the CED, available on AP Central® in late May 2019.

Print copies of the CED will be available in easy-to-use, customizable binders in June 2019. Preorder your free copy at **collegeboard.org/CED**.

Visit **collegeboard.org/APUSH2019** for the most up-to-date information, including:

- A video overview of the AP U.S. History updates;

- More information about the new resources;

- A detailed timeline of what you can expect and when; and

- A video preview of the CED and unit guides.

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