The APUSH Exam

* Shows that one can succeed as a college undergraduate
* Helps with college scholarships
* Save on college $$$$$
* Increased interest in history

Overview

* Test format has changed for the 14-15 year
* Greater focus on historical thinking skills used by historians
* New exam uses more excerpts, images, and other data sources
* 55 multiple choice questions (55 min) 40%
* 4 short answer questions (45 min) 20%
* 1 document based question (60 min)25%
* 1 long answer question (35 min) 15%
* Writing skills can greatly improve performance

AP Grading

* The College Board grades tests on a 1-5 scale
* 5: Extremely well qualified
* 4: Well qualified
* 3: Qualified
* 2: Possibly qualified
* 1: No recommendation
* A 3 or higher generally qualifies for college credit
* This does vary from college to college
* The exam is difficult!!! Don’t be discouraged!
* The cutoff for a “qualified” student (3 or higher) may range between 50-60% of possible points
* A very small percentage of students will earn 80% of possible points
* Struggling with AP practice items is normal
* Breaking the test into manageable steps makes it much easier to master

How I Will Help

* Break down the 9 thinking skills
* Analyze and practice the 4 types of questions
* Historical periods broken down
* Historical perspectives and themes