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# **AP World History: Modern Basics**

**AP World History: Modern – Unit 0**

# The AP Test Components

A score of 3/5 or better on the AP Test earns college credit; specific to history credit if 4/5 or better

The AP Test has a **Multiple-Choice Section** (4 options drawn from a quote or image) and a free-response component comprised of **Short Answer Questions** (SAQs), a **Long Essay Questions** (LEQ), and a **Document-Based Question** (DBQ)

For SAQs, you must answer questions using either your own knowledge of the topic, or a provided image or quote

For the LEQ, you must rely solely on your knowledge of history to write a standard, 5-paragraph essay on your choice of three questions

For the DBQ, you rely both on your knowledge of history, as well as 7 provided historical documents to write a 5-paragraph essay



# Basic Historical Terminology

Below are some terms that are integral to the course, and every AP History student should know:

A **primary source** is a written source, image, or artifact FROM the time period being studied (i.e., a painting, poem, artifact, etc., from the 19<sup>th</sup> century)

A **secondary source** is a written source about some-one or something from ANOTHER time period (i.e., a textbook writing about Einstein)

In social science (history in this case), the term **syncretizing** is often used to indicate a blending of ideas or beliefs (i.e., when a religion or philosophy adopts or otherwise incorporates parts of another religion or philosophy)

