

FRQS on the AP Test

1. Three questions, each with multiple (usually three) parts
2. Topics often combine topics from multiple units
3. Worth **50%** of your test score
4. Must be written in black or blue pen
5. Read all FRQs and start with the easiest FRQ

Understanding the Question

1. Carefully read the question
2. Understand what the question is asking you to do:
 - a. **Define**- state the meaning of (giving an example will **not** substitute for providing the definition)
 - b. **Explain**- say why and/or how
 - c. **Identify/Name/List**- say which concept, place, etc. is addressed
 - d. **Give an example**- provide a real-world, current (unless it says otherwise) example
 - e. **Discuss/Evaluate**- identify issues, provide points for and against
 - f. **Describe**- provide characteristics, features
 - g. **Apply**- explain how it relates to real-life situations
3. Directly respond to all parts of the question and only what is asked (do not include an introduction or conclusion)
4. Label each part of the question (A, B, C)
5. Skip 1-3 lines between each part (answer part A then skip 1-3 lines, then answer part B)
6. Always answer in complete sentences (no bulleting!)
7. Be sure to write LEGIBLY
8. Know your key terms and use them to answer the question, when possible