

American Democracy Now, AP Edition, 2017.

- Includes an abundance of rich visuals and graphics bringing the content to life.
- Then, Now, Next framework which helps students gain a comprehensive understanding of American government yesterday, through the proven tool of today, to become the political thinkers of tomorrow.
- Digital components include:
 - Connect, which engages students with key concepts, while continually adapting to their individual needs.
 - SmartBook, which tailors content to the individual student. SmartBook provides students with a safe place to make mistakes, showing them the areas they need to work on most, and by giving them consistent personalized feedback at the exact moment they need it.
 - NewsFlash, which pairs fresh content on a rolling basis with auto-grade and critical thinking questions to allow instructors to assess student understanding of the important news of the day.
 - ACT!, encourages students to apply critical thinking skills to core course content through political research and reflection.
 - Practice: Government, is an educational game focused on the American political system incorporating the “learning by doing” educational practice.

Committee Leads: Ryan Askew, Stephanie Lowe

Committee Members: Ryan Askew

Teacher Committee Analysis:

The committee compared McGraw Hill, *American Democracy Now*, Cengage *American Government: Institutions and Politics*, Cengage *American Government and Politics Today* and *U.S. Government and Politics*

American Democracy Now provides a clear, concise, and visually interesting text that is 100% in-line with the AP test requirements. The text modernizes our curriculum with the inclusion of the last presidential election as well as the impact of American foreign policy in the middle east. McGraw Hill also brings a robust online suite that will provide students with a powerful preparation tool for the exam.

Teacher Committee Member Votes:

Committee voted unanimously for McGraw Hill: *American Democracy Now*, AP Edition, 2017

Final Recommendation: McGraw Hill: *American Democracy Now*, AP Edition, 2017.

Economics, 21st. Edition (AP), McGraw Hill, 2018. ISBN: 9781259723223.

- Contains new discussions on strategic behavior, game theory, unconventional monetary policy and interest rate normalization.
- New edition split the material on monopolistic competition and oligopoly into two separate chapters.
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- Connect the Dots videos are short, engaging explanations to help them grasp challenging concepts.

Committee Leads: Matt Drake, Stephanie Lowe

Committee Members: Matt Drake and Derek Stroud

Teacher Committee Analysis:

The committee compared McGraw Hill: *Economics* by McConnell/Brue with, *Krugman's Economics for AP* and *Principles of Economics* by N. Gregory Mankiw. The committee looked at familiarity, universal usage and technology. Regarding universal usage, many in the field use McConnell/Brue including instructors at conferences and leading online presenters. The recent editions also have new technology that will enhance reading and comprehension. The committee feels the McGraw Hill textbook is a notch above the others due to the thorough covering of the content.

Teacher Committee Member Votes:

The committee members voted unanimously for McGraw Hill: *Economics*, 21st. Edition (AP), 2018.

Final Recommendation: McGraw Hill: *Economics*, 21st. Edition (AP), 2018.

Exploring Environmental Science for AP, National Geographic/Cengage, 2019. ISBN: 9781337098038.

- Includes themes of economics, politics, ethics, policy, and sustainability woven throughout the presentation, emphasizing the interconnectedness of human activity and the environment.
- Checkpoint for Understanding: self-check questions concluding each section to help students conduct deeper conceptual connections. Answers for students appear at the end of the chapter.
- Math Connection: builds quantitative literacy and provides math skills practice in relevant, contextualized applications.
- Critical Concepts in Sustainability: focuses on the interconnectedness of people, policy, economics, science, and environment.
- AP Multiple Choice and free Response review questions appear at the end of each chapter, unit and a full AP Practice Test is included at the end of the book.

Committee Leads: Mark Dimaggio, Stephanie Lowe

Committee Members: Mark Dimaggio, Katie Lee

Teacher Committee Analysis:

The committee compared National Geographic/Cengage, *Exploring Environmental Science for AP*, Cengage, *Living in the Environment* (AP), Pearson, *Environment: the Science Behind the Stories* (AP edition), McGraw Hill, *Environmental Science: a Global Concern* (AP edition), and BFW, *Environmental Science for AP*. The committee narrowed it down to three texts: *Exploring*

Environmental Science for AP, Cengage, *Living in the Environment* (AP), Pearson, *Environment: the Science Behind the Stories* (AP edition) and found that the *Exploring Environmental Science for AP* was superior. The committee noted the great graphics and chapter structure for visual learners, advanced study questions for AP exam, current Core Case Studies, and Critical Concepts in Sustainability.

Teacher Committee Member Votes:

Votes were unanimously for *Exploring Environmental Science for AP*

Final Recommendation: National Geographic/Cengage: *Exploring Environmental Science for AP*, 2019.

EAP Senior Math (ESM)

- Materials prepare college and career bound high school seniors with the 21st century skills necessary to meet the mathematical thinking and problem-solving expectations of higher education courses and workplace requirements.
- Strengthens mathematical foundation and deepens students conceptual understandings of mathematical theory, skills, and strategies.

The course materials for EAP Senior Math was funded by California Community Partnership Initiative and the California Readiness Challenge Initiative. The coursework developed is titled *EAP Senior Year Mathematics Course, Second Edition (2016-2017)* and the materials are provided through Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in association with California State University, Sacramento. Materials will be provided to instructors at the training and are considered blackline masters, in which teachers will photocopy necessary materials.