

## Should I take AP Classes or not?

1. Is the student's goal to attend college-If yes, then the student should consider AP.
2. Is the student's goal to attend a top tier college-If yes, then the student needs to take AP courses.
3. Assuming a top tier college is not the goal, would taking the AP course have a large negative effect on the student's other grades, and thereby negate the 2.0 curve the AP course provides.
4. Does the student have the 3.0 GPA required to take an AP course?
5. Does the student like/love the particular subject of the AP class?
6. Does the student do well with challenges?
7. Is the student generally/somewhat self motivated?
8. Is the student an above average reader and writer? By writer, I do not necessarily mean with regard to grammar as this relates to history class. The student has to start with an above average ability to express ideas in written fashion.