

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM NO MERE SPRING FLING

(NAPSA)—In spring, a young person's fancy turns to...the Advanced Placement exam? High school seniors and juniors across the country will be putting themselves through the stress of AP classes and exams in hopes of attaining top scores.

Some colleges offer sophomore standing to students who meet AP requirements. This can represent money saved as well as prestige earned. So passing the AP exam

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has become a springtime test of courage for many high schoolers. According to the College Board, owner of the AP program, 1,585,516 AP exams were taken in 2002 by 913,251 students in the United States. More are expected to participate this year.

Even with schools offering AP classes, the exams are hard nuts to crack. CliffsNotes™ offer nine CliffsAP™ guides to the most popular exams: European History, Spanish Language, Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, U.S. Government and Politics, and U.S. History Preparation Guide (Wiley, all \$16.99 except Spanish Language, \$21.99).

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CliffsAP guides are also very handy when parents educate themselves in order to get involved in their child's study. Many of us may have buried all memories of calculus classes. Look into a guide to see what your high-schooler is up against!

The tests will be held in May. The exam clock is ticking.