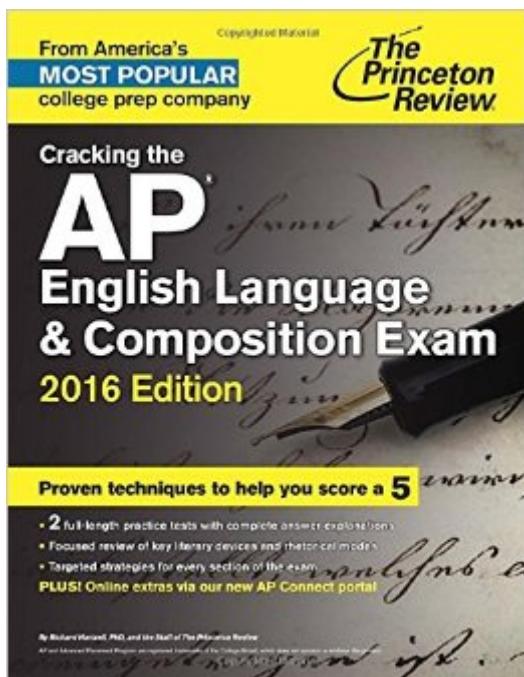


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I'm an AP Chemistry teacher who has taken the time to purchase and compare the various test prep books for this exam. I started out by looking at the ratings, and I only ordered test prep books that had an average rating of at least four stars. That left me with three books for AP Chem. The 5 steps book, the AP Chem for Dummies book, and the Princeton Review. I admit I bought the 2012 version of all three; they generally don't change much from year to year and I feel comfortable extrapolating the 2013 rating from the 2012 editions (which were much cheaper bought used on my teacher salary!) Of the three, I find the Princeton Review book to be the best overall. They do a good job of mirroring actual AP Chemistry exam questions, and I detected no lapses in the content coverage. What's even better, though, is the authors of this book made a conscious effort to exclude things that you just don't need to know. The biggest problems with the 5 steps and the Dummies books was that there was just too much stuff. You're buying a review book to help you pass the exam, and learning anything beyond that is not useful in a test prep book, generally. The 5 steps book also had really bad practice questions, while the Dummies book wasn't particularly user friendly when it came to the formatting. The only weakness the Princeton Review book had is that it really is, at its core, a supplemental text. There's not a great deal of time spent on actually teaching the material (more worked-out examples would have been nice). The bones are quite good, but I really feel like it's best used as a companion to a full-on AP Chemistry course.

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textbook was an absolute PAIN to read. As a result, I decided to purchase this book to supplement the overall experience for the class. And it helped: significantly. The book starts off with more info about the WHAP test, such as what to expect and how to answer questions.

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