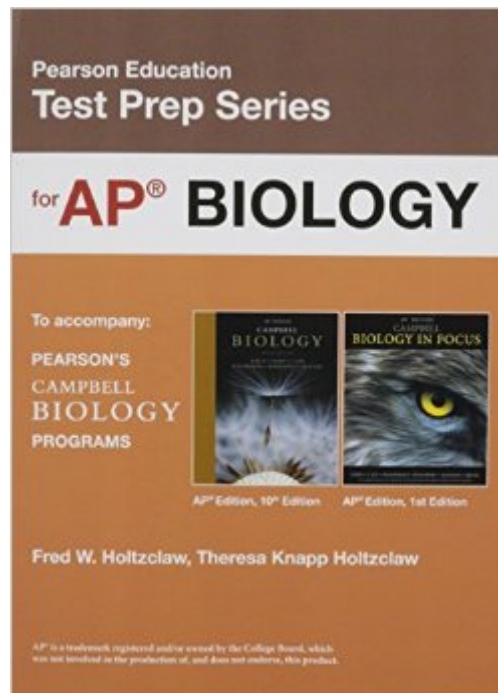


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Customer Reviews

I teach AP biology for our homeschool co-op, and I have been looking for a good AP biology review book since the test was redesigned a few years ago. Barrons, et al, didn't seem to have questions that really prepared the kids for the questions on the actual exam, and all those review books definitely focused on lots of nit-picky details that were no longer required things to memorize. This book is clearly head and shoulders above the rest. It is written by the Holtzclaws, who also write guided reading questions to go along with the Campbell biology book. There are 10 topics, or chapters, that review content, and they include boxes called "You Must Know" that state bullet points that you should be able to explain to yourself. If not, some more time spent on that topic with your book is probably in order. Then there are several types of questions at the end of each chapter. Level one contains knowledge/comprehension questions that "review essential content knowledge but don't represent the type of question you will see on the AP exam. Level 2, application/synthesis, questions are similar to those you will see on the exam." Based on the questions I have seen on the practice exams released to approved AP bio teachers, these questions *do* look like the ones on the exam, unlike the questions in the other review books. Very good practice, and worth its weight in gold right there! Then there are at least 2 grid-in questions for each chapter, which again, the other books don't really focus on at all, and one free response

question. You may need your textbook or whatever to review the topics more in depth, but this review book will help you figure out what areas you don't know well but should, and it will give you lots of practice in the kinds of problems you will actually encounter on the exam.

This was a fabulous review book for the exam. We did not use the textbook that this was designed to go with, but that was not a problem. The FRQ's proved to match up really well with the new exam and were excellent preparation for it. My kids think it was a major reason they both got 5's on the exam.

This study guide is concise and highlights the most important facts to remember from each chapter. The notes are easy to follow and organized. The chapters have multiple choice and free response questions at the end.

As someone who took the Ap biology exam this year and used multiple practice Ap biology books, this is by far the best one. It clearly shows the concepts and makes you think about the material in a useful way that certainly proves useful on the exam.

This is a great resource for who want to prepare for AP bio. I would recommend people to buy Barrons AP bio prep too because these two are perfect for students to practice. This alone does not suffice in my opinion, but it is a great resource. After taking the AP exam I noticed that this book will teach you concepts that you need to know for exam. Some questions actually looked similar to the questions presented in this book. I would recommended it with another test prep.

Great for review, but doesn't cover application questions. These questions scratch the surface of the content, but more application questions would be best, especially since this is designed for the AP Biology test.

Great review of essential knowledge and goes well with actual textbook. Highly recommended if AP Class uses Campbell Biology.

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