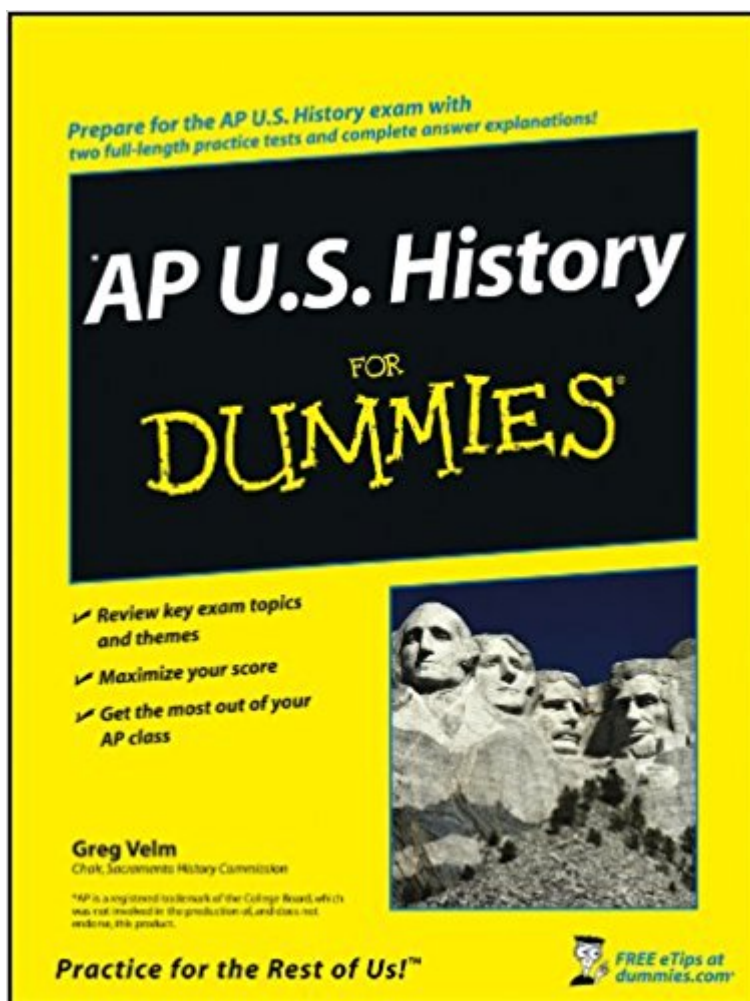




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# AP U.S. History For Dummies



## Synopsis

Getting ready to tackle the AP U.S. History exam? AP U.S. History For Dummies is a practical, step-by-step guide that will help you perfect the skills and review the knowledge you need to achieve your best possible score! Discover how to identify what the questions are really asking and find out how to combine your history knowledge with context clues to craft thoughtful essays. Try your hand at two true-to-life AP exams, complete with detailed answer explanations and scoring guides. You'll find out how to put together a game plan, develop a study strategy, decode the Political "Economic" Social (PES) answer secret, and understand exactly what's going to be on the stress. This easy-to-understand guide reviews all periods of U.S. history, from the country's earliest inhabitants to the present day. Ease your mind on stress day and feel completely prepared by completing the two practice exams with answers and explanations. Find out how to: Prepare a study plan for the time leading up to the exam Decode your score and learn how to get the best score Put your knowledge to work Approach the different types of questions: multiple choice, document-based, and essay questions Navigate all exam topics, from the Native Americans to the present day Analyze and connect political, economic, and social themes Recognize trick words Complete with lists of ten monster event topics AP wants you to know, ten unstoppable cultural trends, and ten key court decisions, AP U.S. History For Dummies will help you ace this test!

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Greg Velm has worked with AP U.S. History curriculum and test experts. He is an author of a Northern California history book used in high schools.

Perfect for someone who doesn't like to read a lot. Breaks everything down into layman terms.

Excellent informative and concise...good buy

It was great

Thank you. I was very happy when I received this book. It was like new and well-priced.

I found this book to be very helpful when preparing for the AP US History exam. It was practically the only source I used the last two weeks before the test. However, I found its organization to be a bit illogical and somewhat confusing. Unlike most history books, this one does not seem to follow a linear timeline. It constantly jumps back and forth with dates. Most of the time this doesn't pose a huge inconvenience, but there were a few times when I felt a little unsure about the order in which events occurred. Besides chronology, I really did like this review book and would certainly recommend it.

I really enjoyed reading this book. It's not easy to make history come alive, especially with the looming threat of a major exam. This book doesn't just summarize facts that you might need for the exam. It takes the drudgery out of the exam review. I found myself forgetting that preparation for the

exam was the focus and just enjoying the history that became truly compelling in this book. I really think that it would be helpful if this book were used in classrooms along with other methods of test preparation. It is comprehensive without ever being dull, and it's written with wit and compassion. If it's possible to take the stress out of preparation for an AP exam, this book accomplishes that task.

If you're looking for a balanced, simple historical reference don't look here. Yes, while this book does catch the gist of US History he casually overlooks events that shine negative light on Democrat politicians and liberal policies. I found it amusing how often this author felt the need to interject liberal leaning editorial content throughout the book. His transparent liberal leanings and editorials make the book dishonest. Example? He dismisses the fact that Clinton was found guilty and is the second president to be impeached. He also conveniently overlooks the historical uniqueness of Clinton being disbarred from practicing law while in office. He claims that Clinton was a "centrist" and "conservative" democrat and takes great care to excuse Jimmy Carter's landslide defeat to Reagan because Reagan was a "former actor who did a much better job looking the part of a president". Yes kiddies this type of narrative is found throughout the book..... Democrat politicians good, Republican politicians bad. Liberal policies good, Conservative policies bad. These are but a few examples of the underlying narrative this author weaves throughout the book. I wouldn't consider letting my high school aged son use this book as a reference unless I took care to show him how propaganda is used to try and manipulate history. Very subtle indeed.

Rather than trying to be a synopsis of a text, Velm captures the spirit and essence of each period covered as well as consistently helpful hints on test prep. It's kind of like having Alt. U.S. History version 2, the view from the left side of the fence. Entertaining as a stand alone 'read' even if you're not prepping for the test.

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