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I am a Political Science student, and used this text in A.P. U.S. History in high school. In high school I found that it is, as other reviewers have mentioned, not only packed with information, but occasionally recites short, funny stories and interesting tidbits not found in normal, dry history books. Today, as I do a lot of research and writing for Political Science, I find that I am constantly referring to it to look up all sorts of information listed in tables in the back or to read a paragraph about this or that. It is a wonderful text and a resource for any student in the Social Sciences, or anyone interested in America’s history, particularly political history.
A very thorough History textbook. I am using the book as required reading material for a college course but I could definitely see a history buff enjoying this read as well. The book is well written and thorough. I often think more people should pick up a book like this and refresh their memories on the history of America.

I learned a ton of information in using this book for my history class. It was not always the most exciting read, but all of my friends now hail me as a U.S. history buff. There were many things in here that I had never even heard about previous to reading it, and it was worth the read.

Loved the book as mandatory study material for my history college course, however, the book fell apart after only two months of light use. I purchased it intentionally for future reference but now I’ll have to try to glue it back together.

Please consider that my rating is based on the fact that is book is a required textbook for a college course. It fulfills the requirements of the course, or I would not have purchased it. With that being said, the book is clear and concise is it’s read-ability, if not a little dry. It is informative and chronological, as a history book should be. I find the additional excerpts and imagery to be helpful in understanding additional cultural aspects of the selected periods. I also find the chapter layouts to helpful, especially the quick review. Overall, it is a good product.

I got this book for one of my college classes. I enjoy history, but most documentation is usually dry, boring, and difficult to read. I liked that the author of this book made it appealing and enjoyable to read by creating a story, rather than just listing facts. I would recommend it, even if you are not a fan of history related books.

It came in pretty nice condition. All the pages are clean and the corners aren’t all bent.

I really enjoyed reading this book in my American history class. I liked that it gave multiple perspectives of the events and encouraged the reader to think outside of the box.

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