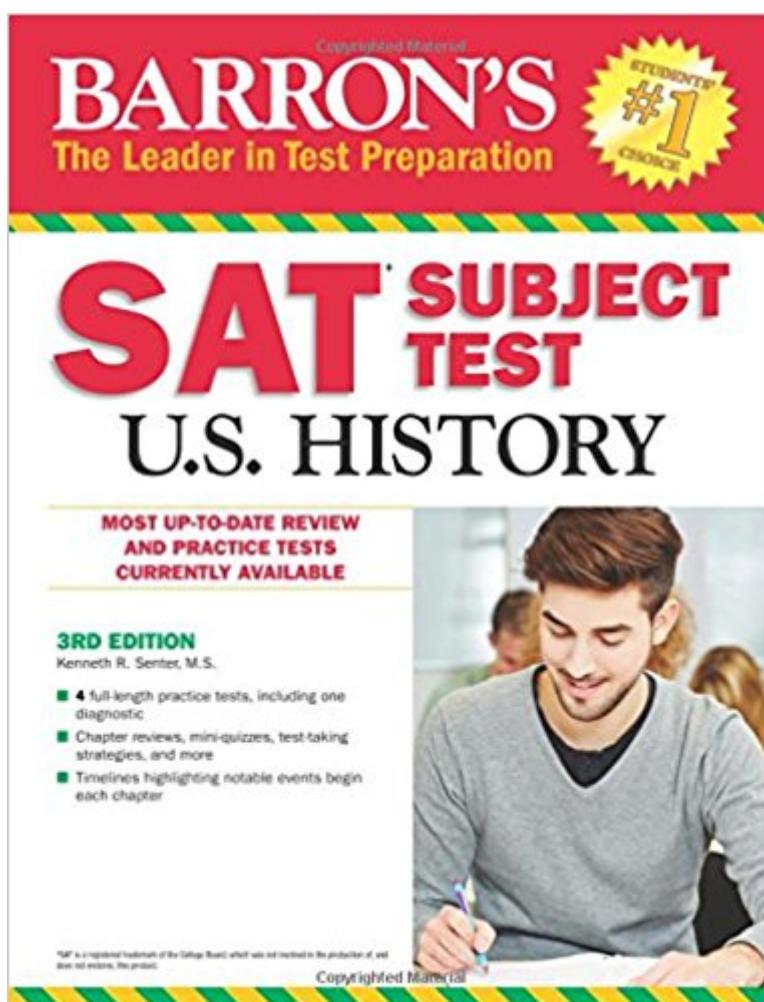


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This book is fantastic for learning the material; however, it is not so fantastic if you are just trying to review what you already know. I took AP US History and decided to take the SAT Subject test because - why not? I got this book to review some of the material and had no idea just how big the book would be. If you are like me and are just reviewing material, buy the SAT II Essential Content book by Larry Krieger instead. Its much more thorough and has key quotes, people, events, etc. I just took the Subject test about 2 hours ago and thought I did fantastic.

This book can be frustrating and annoying in the way that it decides to describe information. I have had to read the same sentence over and over again on many occasions because half the words are unnecessary and the other half are arranged in a convoluted and irrational manner. The authors have the habit of INTRODUCING a topic with a totally confusing and superfluous appositive that renders the reader perplexed for the remainder of the sentence. If you are looking to review the material in a logical way, this book is a complete waste of time and money.

I do not recommend this book AT ALL for practically anyone. Most information presented is completely unnecessary and sometimes just confusing and misleading. Even the practice tests are horribly inaccurate; they're nothing resembling the actual test. I got a score of 800 (perfect score) using only "The Insider's Complete Guide to AP US History: The Essential Content" and the practice test booklet you can buy from CollegeBoard that includes previously-administered tests. And various online resources. Point is, this book is a completely inefficient use of your time.

Good

I really didn't like this book very much because it was too detailed on things that weren't even that significant. I took AP US History before taking the subject test and plenty of information that was covered in barron's wasn't even covered in my AP class, which at my school is very difficult. The actual exam was pretty difficult, but this book is difficult in a different sense in that the information isn't even relevant.

For my diagnostic test, I was fairly disappointed with as to why I got the question wrong or thought in a specific manner. For example, one of the questions about the causes of nativism simply answered the others were false or a result. Not very specific and I expected more. I suppose the reason I am primarily unsatisfied is that I am used to the answer telling me that I was thinking in the wrong time period or that I was mistaken because I was thinking of another word, all in order to help me understand.

This prep book is totally FANTASTIC! In studying for the US History SAT II, I had been totally procrastinating and blew off studying. About two days before I took the SAT II, I bought this book and completely read this book cover to cover, although it was miserable to do in just two days. However, the morning I went to take the SAT II, I felt totally prepared, and even recognized material on the test because I had seen it in the book. All in all, after two days with this prep book, I scored a 720, and that's impressive. I strongly advise using this book as a study guide!

it was worthy reading it, but it also contains some extra stuff that made the practice test a lot harder.

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