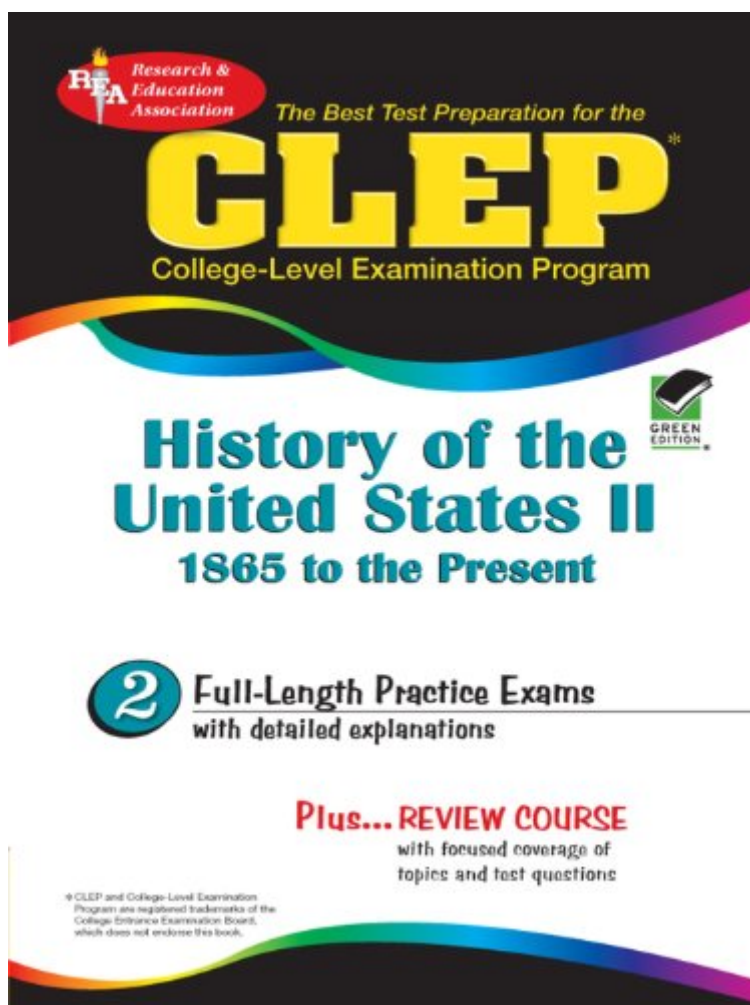


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Customer Reviews

I ordered this to prepare for a CLEP exam. I didn't do any other studying and was able to pass the exam. However, I wouldn't recommend others try this. While this book does a good job of covering every topic that the exam covers, some of the questions on the exam required more in depth knowledge of the individual topics. I was fortunate to have a decent knowledge of US history before preparing for the exam, and this gave me the tools necessary to restore memories from high school history. For someone that needs to prepare for a CLEP, this is an excellent book to use to know what topics are covered in the exam. However, I would recommend using this book in conjunction with further research for in-depth understanding of history. An old history book could suffice, but you can possibly just use a search engine to look up more info.

I returned this immediately because, while the website said copyright 2013, the book itself, when delivered, said copyright 2004. While I realize American history hasn't changed THAT much in that time (Well, it IS the later history), I'd like to think they're looking at the test occasionally and keeping the book updated. I bought a more recent book.

I must admit that I've only gotten to page 15, but I have to express my extreme distrust of this text. I am quoting directly from the text's description of the Election of 1876: "Although there does not seem to have been a bargain between Hayes's supporters and Southerners, Reconstruction essentially ended when the new president took office in 1877." This text completely dismisses the Compromise of 1877, but then actually asks a question about it on question 19 of Practice Test 1. How am I supposed to trust what this text is supposed to be teaching??

I passed this test so hard that they gave me credit for US history 1 and 2. I'm actually not joking they screwed up and I CLEP'd 6 hours instead of just 3. I only needed 3 so whatever, but I'm giving the book the credit even if it is ridiculous. Seriously it covered plenty of material and definitely prepared me for the exam. 10/10 if you are trying to CLEP.

This book gives you all the information you need to pass the test, I passed with a 76 out of 80 after studying for 12 days, using only this book. The reason I did not give the book 5 stars is that the author makes several factual errors. One that comes to mind is saying that Sinclair Lewis wrote "The Jungle." Uh.... Ms. Marlowe, that would be Upton Sinclair. There are also some apparent editing issues, as there are contradictions such as the text saying that there is no evidence that Hayes won the presidential election by promising to end reconstruction, then in the sample test section it states that such deal was in fact made. And there are several other similar kinds of mistakes. Not anything that would keep you from passing though, so, I still recommend this book as a single-source for passing the test. A tip: no fact or name in this book is too trivial to remember. Try to get as much in your head as possible. Update; 3/20/2007: I was surprised and happy to see that the author responded to this review and is very concerned about any errors. She is reviewing the material and will report any errors she finds to REA for correction. Thank you, Ms. Marlow for your commitment to making this test guide the best that it can be. As a response to a couple of reviewers who complained that the guide didn't cover all of the material on their test: You need to apply some common sense and test taking strategy to the test. No book can cover all of the questions that might be asked. But, the answers to most of the questions on the test I took were easily deduced from material I learned in the book. For example, a test question might ask, "Who said the following quote:" and then list 4 names. Usually, all four people were discussed in the book. In a typical case, 1 name would fit exactly, perhaps 2 names were people who would never have said such a thing and the fourth name was a person who could reasonably have made the statement, but lived 70 years earlier. Don't expect the book to cover every quote that people may have said. In most cases, the test writers do not intend for you to know by heart who said what. They do intend for you to use logic and good judgment and to know enough about the major players so that you can choose the correct answer.

I used this book along with American Pageant and some audiobook lectures to study for the CLEP exam. The practice tests were valuable in predicting how I would perform on the real exam. I especially liked that the answer guide explained why the answers were correct, and what was wrong with the incorrect answers.

Don't expect to do all your studying for the US History II CLEP exam with this book, but the tests are helpful, even if it could be organized a little better, especially for use on the Kindle. However, overall, I think it was worth the price I paid, and I'd buy it again (except for the fact that I won't be

taking this test again for the next 20 years, at least). I just wish there were more books like this available in Kindle format.

Well I passed so I guess that counts for something. There was almost nothing from the book on the test though. It did give me a decent overall picture of the time frame which is why I gave it four stars, plus like I said I did pass.

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