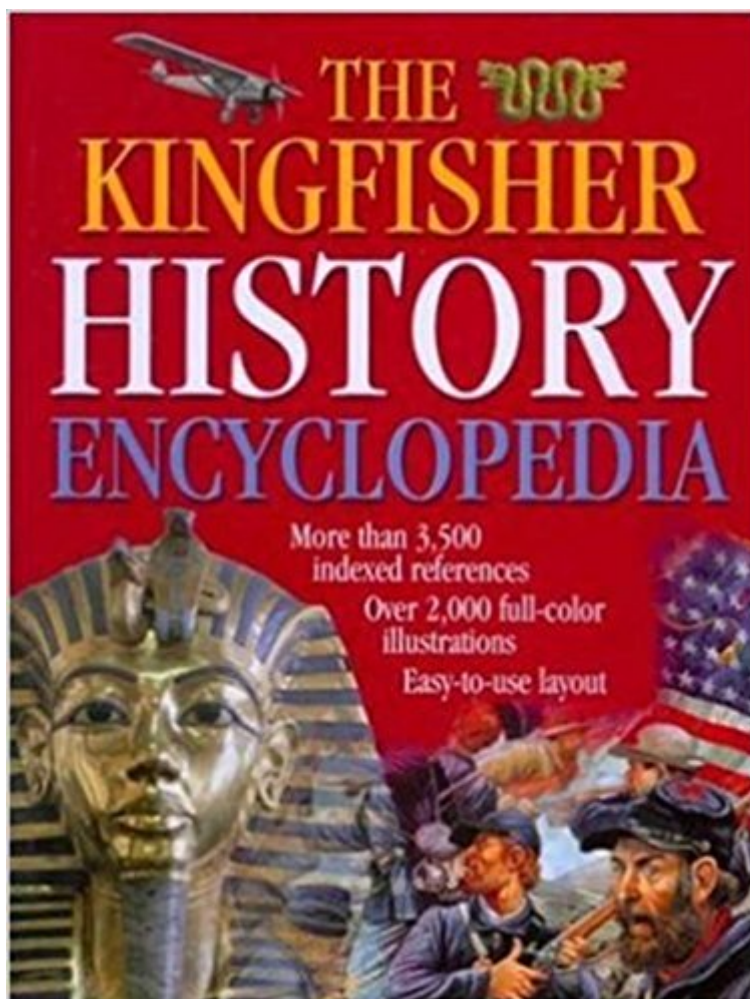


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Grade 5 Up-A broad, illustrated look at the history of humanity. The book is divided into 10 sections, each representing a different time period from 40,000 B.C.E. to the present. All of them begin with a

"Glance" at the world for the given dates. Following these brief overviews, double and single-page spreads subdivide the eras into smaller time segments covering topics such as "The Gupta Dynasty A.D. 321-510," "East India Companies 1600-1700," and "Benin and Zimbabwe 1100-1480." The spreads contain a few bite-sized paragraphs of facts, informative captions, and, often, an inset of "Key Dates." They are profusely illustrated with quality black-and-white and full-color photographs, drawings, reproductions, and maps, and feature a helpful time line running across the tops of the pages. Information on art, architecture, and science and technology concludes each section. "Ready Reference" lists the names and dates of the rulers of the major powers throughout history, popes, and major wars. The 12-page index covers the textual material but does not always offer access to captioned information. Although the book will answer some reference questions, its strength lies in its potential to spark interest in any number of subjects among browsers. Priscilla Bennett, State University of West Georgia, Carrollton Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The Kingfisher History Encyclopedia appears to be the updated version of the Kingfisher Illustrated History of the World, which received high accolades from reviewers and others. I've compared the two books. This "replacement" book is better laid out and has better graphics than its predecessor. The colorful text highlights periods in history from 40,000 B.C. to the present. It is divided chronologically into segments: "The Ancient World" 40,000 BC to 500 BC, and The Classical World, 499 BC - AD 500, Early Middle Ages, 501- 1100, Trade and Empire 1601-1707, Revolution and Independence 1708- 1835, etc. I like that it covers all regions of the world, including African history, and Indian, Asian, South American, Judea, etc, rather than the typical European history we're all used to. The information is broad in each section and includes wars, empires and dynasties, architecture, culture and arts, science and technology, maps, small biographies of important people in those times. I like that the book is chronological and also broad based in its approach. Each reference takes a full page or full two pages, with easy to find headings at the top of the page. There is a time line across the heading of each page so you know where you are in history. There's a nice "ready reference" in the back with quick notations of rulers and popes and the time period they ruled. I highly recommend this book for middle school years and adults who want a cursory but thought-provoking look at history. This book makes you want to delve more deeply into the different time periods. It's a good starting place for beginning your understanding of ancient history and getting a sense of time and place with regard to history. I homeschool and this is a great resource.

Review of: "The Kingfisher History Encyclopedia," from the Kingfisher Family of Encyclopedias. Hardcover, published September 1, 1999. For the price this is an excellent resource that is very resilient. My fifth-grade son requested this book and was absolutely thrilled upon receiving it. He would lug home the volume from his school library which, incidentally, I encouraged him to do for a month or so due to the fact that the book weighs a hefty 5 pounds and proved to be an excellent exercise device. As the other reviews truly reveal it does have some typos, etc. but for the used price (1999 edition is out of print) it is a steal in terms of education. The publisher's promotion review states: "What was the Black Death? Who fought in the Hundred Years' War? What do people mean by the Counter-Reformation? With its simple chronological and thematic arrangement, The Concise Kingfisher History Encyclopedia puts the whole of history, and the legacy of human civilization - from the Ice Age to the Information Age - at the fingertips of today's children. Divided into ten clearly defined time periods (from 40,000 B.C. to the present day), The Kingfisher History Encyclopedia covers every major empire, civilization, revolution, and war, as well as the technological and cultural advances that have left their mark on history. Three colorful spreads at the end of each section are devoted to the Art, Architecture, and Science and Technology of each major time period. A comprehensive index, and at-a-glance summaries of each period, make this a valuable resource for help with school assignments, as well as for casual browsing. Special Features: Bold headwords, and a concise definition of the subject appear at the top of the page. Text can be read section by section or as a complete article. Illustrated biographies and key date boxes provide essential information. Timeline throughout puts history in context and shows progression of world events." This is a very accurate statement. At 480 pages/hardcover my son loves it. Yes, this tome is flawed to a greater or lesser degree. In terms of providing a reading resource that is fairly comprehensive and still can be used when no electricity can be found, or used as a coaster, a tool to squash bugs, a coffee table book to impress the impressionable, etc. then this one is a true gem. I love it since my 11 year old loves it. Another huge reason to buy it is that you can find it used for about a \$ 1 Buck (+shipping). What a great deal! Pick one up today and thrill your child. Well done. Five stars!

I really like this encyclopedia. It delves into a history topic in as much depth as a one to two page topic can cover. Illustrations are good and detailed and informative to boot. It covers a whole range of history from early on to current history (as of the latest printing). This book is good to have on hand for reference for your kids and to teach a bit about a topic quickly and informatively. It is one

that I would keep on a bookshelf to have handy when that need to look something up arises. Easy read for mid to older kids, may be too advanced for those under 10, they may just end up looking at the illustrations, which works too. Either way educational for all.

I read a lot of reviews and this is the edition that I realized I wanted. I am very happy with my purchase. My book was used but in excellent condition. I am a homeschooler so this will be in our library for many years.

This is the KING of all history encyclopedias. I purchased this for my son to compliment his history lessons (we home-school), but while flipping through I realized I really had very little knowledge of history myself (its been awhile since I studied these...grade school was long ago). I have been studying in here...there is SO much to learn. This book is huge (think coffee-table book sized), full of large, thick pages crammed with tons of knowledge. You will NOT be disappointed with this amazing collection of historical facts and events. Go ahead and make the purchase. You'll thank me when it arrives.

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