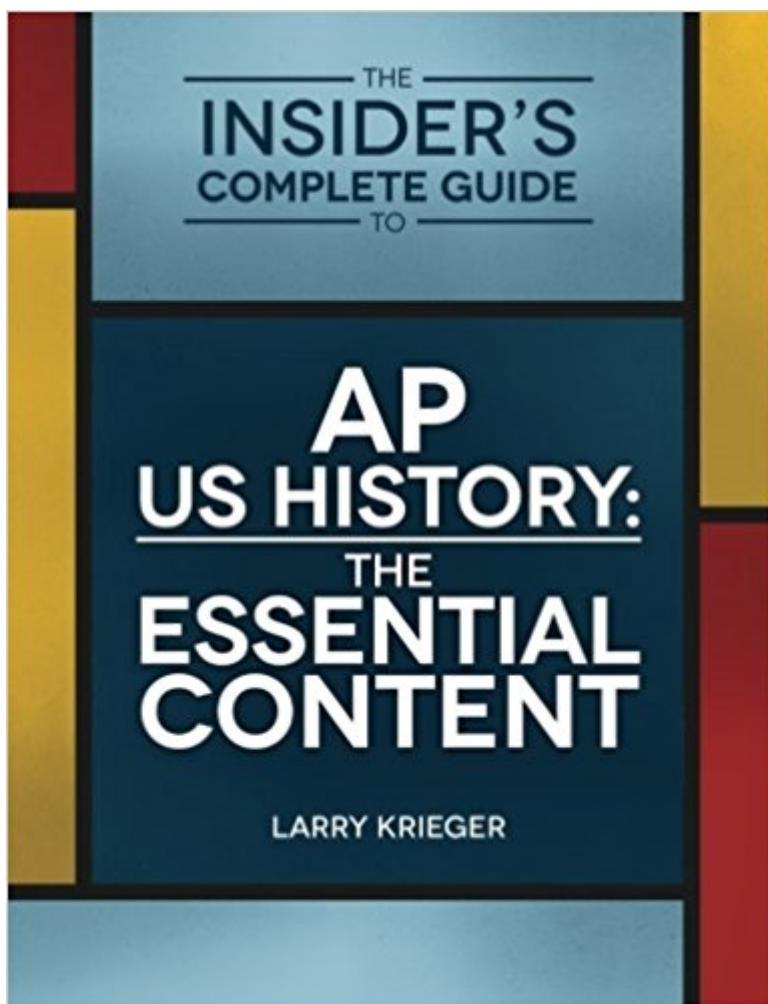


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# The Insider's Complete Guide To AP US History: The Essential Content



## **Synopsis**

Larry Krieger is a renowned author and educator whose books and workshops have helped thousands of students achieve high scores on the APUSH exam. Larry has long recognized that students do not need to memorize long lists of names, dates, places, events, and terms. Instead, AP US History: The Essential Content ignores topics that rarely generate questions while focusing on topics that generate the overwhelming majority of test questions. Here is a brief summary of The Essential Content's unique features: 40 chronological chapters that follow the College Board's AP US History Course Description outline. 4 chapters that compare key events such as the First and Second Great Awakening and key people such as Marcus Garvey and Dr. King. Over 100 sidebar tips that tell students what to ignore and what to study. Over 25 references to specific essays and DBQ's found at the College Board's authoritative AP Central website. 65 key terms that are regularly tested on the APUSH exam. 1 annotated sample DBQ and 1 annotated sample free-response essay. 20 Top Ten list of key people, events, Supreme Court cases, reformers and books. 100 practice multiple-choice questions. 50 Podcasts that review how key events, people, and Supreme Court cases are tested.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Larry Krieger is a renowned author and educator whose books and workshops have helped thousands of students achieve high scores on SAT and AP tests. Larry Krieger, the founder of InsiderTestPrep, has taught SAT classes for over 20 years and AP classes for over 35 years. Larry

was born and raised in North Carolina. Larry earned a BA in history and an MAT in social studies education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also earned a MA in sociology at Wake Forest University. His teaching career began in 1970 at Olympic High School in Charlotte, North Carolina. During the next 35 years Larry taught urban, rural, and suburban students in North Carolina and New Jersey. Larry taught a variety of AP subjects including American History, World History, European History, American Government, and Art History. His popular courses were renowned for their energetic presentations, commitment to scholarship, and dedication to excellence. In 2004 and 2005 the College Board recognized Larry as one of America's most successful AP teachers. Larry is the author of several US History, World History, AP prep, and SAT prep books that are used throughout the U.S. and around the world.

When I first received this book, I was skeptical. I had already read AMSCO and I heard about this book on College Confidential. I was unsure of how well it would prepare me since AMSCO is like 800+ pages and this is a very short and concise book with large font. Let's just say this book proved me wrong. I have never felt more confident on an AP test in my life. I have taken 9 APs so far and this book was beyond incredible. Questions came word for word from the tips in the margins and the text. I was astonished by how literally every five or so questions one came straight from this book. I read AMSCO a month before the test. I read this about 2 weeks before the test and the night before. Let's just say I completely forgot every little detail in AMSCO. This book is seriously all you need and I am amazed by its quality. I normally over-prepare for tests, so at first this book felt odd compared to other review books. Don't worry; this book satisfies every question on the AP exam. I walked out of there confident with my five. The SAT subject test was just as easy thanks to this book! I skimmed through it the night before the test, and once again, the test was a breeze. I had a weird sense of de ja vu; it was awesome. Questions word for word from this book. I don't know how Larry Krieger does it, but he manages to anticipate the questions. This is the best kept secret of APUSH/SAT US History. Those were the two easiest tests of my life. I can't thank you enough Mr. Krieger! Bottom line: Don't worry about the length. This book is broken down perfectly. I adore the concise formatting and bullet point style. All you need to know is in this book.

I waited until the last minute to cram for my SAT 2 in History. Previously, I used the AMSCO book to study for APUSH (18 months earlier), but it is almost 700 pages, and I only had 4 days to study. After research, I found Essential Content was well reviewed and much shorter than the book I have, so I decided to purchase it. I spent 4 days going over this book and intensively studying. It's

arranged in a very easy to learn way. I love how Essential Content is organized; it gets right to the point. One of the greatest features is Mr. Krieger's helpful tips through out the book which are focused towards AP and SAT 2 tests. I just received my score, and I got a 740. Of course, I would have liked a 770-800, but I'm satisfied with my score. For SAT History, this book is good in a pinch, but there were test questions that Essential Content did not address at all (about 6-8, which is probably what brought my score down from a 770-800). Overall, I suggest using AMSCO if you have 3+ weeks to study and Essential Content if you have under 2 weeks to cram. It's a great book and probably stellar if combined with AMSCO especially. Good luck everyone!

I GOT A 5! Thank you so much The Insider's Complete Guide to AP US History! This book is a hundred times better than AMSCO, Barron's, Princeton Review, REA or McGrawhill. I read the textbook extensively over the year, and this study guide was like a quick outline of all the necessary topics you find in the textbook. Every topic is bulleted and presented in a way that does not overwhelm you or make you feel like there's a lot to study. I bought a REA crash course book and it did not have enough information as this book. On the other hand, Princeton and Barron's long paragraphs bored me. My friends all bought the other study guides and was jealous of this great find! I definitely recommend this to all APUSH students. I finished this book in a week and still filled the pages with highlights and annotations. (We received a 100-page study guide from our teacher as well toward the exam date, but thanks to this book, I didn't need to do that either!) The best thing about this study guide is that it helped me answer correctly several of the MC questions I would not have gotten correctly. There were some topics we never went over in class at all, but I read about them in this book, and voila! They were on the exam! Although I do not have APUSH anymore, I still treasure this book! It is worth every penny. I just wish this company makes a study guide for the other AP courses as well, but they seem to only have the ones for SAT and APUSH.

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