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前言

AP项目(Advanced Placement Program)始于1955年,由美国大学理事会(the College Board)主持,是在高中阶段开设的具有大学水平的课程,即大学预修课程。AP项目目前设有34门课程和考试,它可以使有余力、有能力、成绩优秀的高中生有机会先修部分美国大学基础课程以获得大学学分,因此吸引了很多成绩优秀的学生选修。目前,已有60多个国家的几千所大学把AP学分作为其入学参考标准,其中包括哈佛大学、耶鲁大学、牛津大学、剑桥大学等世界知名大学。

美国每年约有200万高中毕业生,他们都要参加美国高考SAT和AP课程的考试。美国高中生会在11年级时完成SAT考试,在12年级(高中最后一年)完成两件大事:第一,根据SAT的考试成绩申请大学和奖学金;第二,选修AP课程,并进行备考。在高中选修AP课程和通过AP考试不仅是对学生能力和学业水平的证明,还可以使学生:1.在申请大学时具有很大的优势。美国大学把学生在AP考试中的表现作为衡量其是否能够胜任大学学习的依据。从美国大学录取顾问委员会公布的影响大学录取因素的比较分析可以看出,AP成绩以80.3%的影响力位居第一,因为它向学校充分展示了学生的才智、专长及学习能力。2.进入大学后,可以获得大学学分,免修同类课程,提早选修更高级的课程或跳级。3.提前毕业。4.节省大学学费。在美国,初等教育是免费的,但高等教育是收费的。选修的AP课程越多,免修的大学课程也就越多,节省的学费也就越多。另外,对中国学生而言,除了可以获得美国大学学分、省时省钱外,还可以在国内提前适应美国大学课程。

AP考试成绩的评定为5分制,满分5分表示极为优秀,4分为优秀,3分相当于合格,即可为大多数学校所接受,2分为可能有资格,1分则不予推荐。AP考试在每年5月份举行一次,为期两周。每门课程的考试时间约为2~3个小时,考试费用为每科1000元人民币或1400元港币左右。

更多信息可查询以下网站:

AP考试官网: http://www.collegeboard.com

AP国内报名网站: http://apchina.net.cn

香港考务局报名网址: https://www2.hkeaa.edu.hk

为满足国内考生对AP考试资料日益增长的需求,我们从美国知名教育出版公司McGraw-Hill Education引进了本系列AP考试丛书,共包括7本,分别为《AP微观/宏观经济学5分制胜》、《AP统 计学5分制胜》、《AP微积分5分制胜》、《AP美国历史5分制胜》、《AP物理5分制胜》、《AP生物5分制胜》和《AP化学5分制胜》。AP各学科分册由AP考试相关领域专家编写,精准把握考试命题特点,设计"五步"高效学习方案,总结与考试相关的学科内容和要点,精选针对性练习以及全真模拟试题,并配以答案和准确详尽的解析。本系列丛书适用于备考AP的所有考生,便于考生巩固所学,紧抓重点,取得高分。

本书为其中的《AP美国历史5分制胜》。这本学习指南可以帮助考生全面复习AP美国历史的考查内容,掌握各种考试技能和备考策略。书中第1章对AP美国历史的考试特点进行了概述。第2章为考生提供了三种备考方案及其时间安排,其中最好的方案是利用一学年的时间进行备考,而对于那些无法做到的考生,还有另外两个替代方案。尤其要说明的是,许多考生发现学习小组对准备AP考试大有益处,在AP考试中表现优异的考生往往在学年之初就成立学习小组了。

书中第3章是一套预测题,考生在开始复习AP美国历史前,可以先完成这些题目,评估一下自己的现有水平,有助于在之后的复习中查漏补缺,有针对性地学习。第4章为每个考试题型提出了一些有效的应试策略,让复习更有技巧性。从第5章到第29章是对整个美国历史的脉络性概述,涵盖了AP考试中的几乎所有考查内容。本书最后还提供了两套完整的全真模拟试题,可以帮助考生检测复习效果,并体验真实的考试场景。

本书还有一些有利于考生学习的细节设置,如每章前面有复习指南,简单概括本章内容和关键词;每章末尾都有本章中主要概念的列表和历史事件的时间轴,还有关于本章内容的练习题目。此外,本书的末尾有一个非常全面的词汇表,全书中所有的粗体字都可以在词汇表中找到,这为考生提供了一个很好的词汇复习工具。

希望这本书可以帮助各位考生实现"满分5分"的目标。满分就在那里,等待你去斩获!

INTRODUCTION: THE 5-STEP PROGRAM

The Basics

This guide provides you with the specific format of the AP U.S. History exam, two sample AP U.S. History tests, and a comprehensive review of major events and themes in U.S. history. After each review chapter, you will find a time line and several sample questions that might appear on the AP test.

Reading this guide is a great start to getting the grade you want on the AP U.S. History test, but it is important to read on your own as well. Several groups of students who have all gotten a 5 on the test maintain that the key to success is to *read* as much as you possibly can on U.S. history.

Reading this guide will not guarantee you a 5 when you take the U.S. History exam in May. However, by carefully reviewing the format of the exam and the test-taking strategies provided for each section, you will definitely be on your way! The review section that outlines the major developments of U.S. history should augment what you have learned from your regular U.S. history textbook. This book won't "give" you a 5, but it can certainly point you firmly in that direction.

Organization of the Book

This guide conducts you through the five steps necessary to prepare yourself for success on the exam. These steps will provide you with many skills and strategies vital to the exam and the practice that will lead you toward the perfect 5.

In this introductory chapter we will explain the basic five-step plan, which is the focus of this entire book. The material in Chapter 1 will give you information you need to know about the AP U.S. History exam. In Chapter 2 three different approaches will be presented to prepare for the actual exam; study them all and then pick the one that works best for you. Chapter 3 contains a practice AP U.S. History exam; this is an opportunity to experience what the test is like and to have a better idea of your strengths and weaknesses as you prepare for the actual exam. Chapter 4 contains a number of tips and suggestions about the different types of questions that appear on the actual exam. We will discuss ways to approach the multiple-choice questions, the free-response essays, and the document-based essays (DBQs). Almost all students note that knowing how to approach each type of question is crucial.

For some of you, the most important part of this manual will be found in Chapters 5–29, which contain a review of United States history from the European exploration of the Americas to the election of Barak Obama in 2008. Undoubtedly, you have studied much of the material included in these chapters. However, these review chapters can help highlight certain important material that you may have missed or forgotten from your AP History class. At the end of each chapter you will also find a time line of important events discussed in the chapter and sample multiple-choice questions.

After these review chapters you will find two complete practice exams, including both multiple-choice questions and essays. Correct answers and explanations for these answers are also included. Take one of the exams and evaluate your success; review any material that you had trouble with. Then take the second exam and use the results to guide your additional study. At the back of the manual is a glossary that defines all of the **boldface** words found in the review chapters. Use this to find the meaning of a specific term you might be unfamiliar with; some students find reviewing the entire glossary a useful method of reviewing for the actual exam.

The Five-Step Program

Step 1: Set Up Your Study Program

In Step 1, you will read a brief overview of the AP U.S. History exam, including an outline of the topics that might be covered on the test itself. You will also follow a process to help determine which of the following preparation programs is right for you:

- Full school year: September through May.
- One semester: January through May.
- · Six weeks: Basic Training for the Exam.

Step 2: Determine Your Test Readiness

Step 2 provides you with a diagnostic exam to assess your current level of understanding. This exam will let you know about your current level of preparedness and on which areas and periods you should focus your study.

- Take the diagnostic exam slowly and analyze each question. Do not worry about how many questions you get right. Hopefully the exam will boost your confidence.
- Review the answers and explanations following the exam, so that you see what you do
 and do not yet fully know and understand.

Step 3: Develop Strategies for Success

Step 3 provides strategies and techniques that will help you do your best on the exam. These strategies cover both the multiple-choice and the two different essay parts of the test. These tips come from discussions with both A.P. U.S. History students and teachers. In this section you will:

- Learn how to read and analyze multiple-choice questions.
- Learn how to answer multiple-choice questions, including whether or not to guess.
- Learn how to plan and write both types of essay questions.

Step 4: Review the Knowledge You Need to Score High

Step 4 makes up the majority of this book. In this step you will review the important names, dates, and themes of American history. Obviously, not all of the material included in this book will be on the AP exam. However, this book is a good overview of the content studied in a "typical" AP U.S. History course. Some of you are presently taking AP courses that cover more material than is included in this book; some of you are in courses that cover less. Nevertheless, thoroughly reviewing the material in the content section of this book will significantly increase your chance of scoring well.

Step 5: Build Your Test-Taking Confidence

In Step 5, you will complete your preparation by taking two complete practice exams and examining your results on them. It should be noted that the practice exams included in this book do not include questions taken from actual exams; however, these practice exams do include questions that are very similar to the "real thing."

The Graphics Used in This Book

To emphasize particular skills and strategies, we use several icons throughout this book. An icon in the margin will alert you that you should pay particular attention to the accompanying text. We use three icons:



The first icon points out a very important concept or fact that you should not pass over.



The second icon calls your attention to a problem-solving strategy that you may want to try.



The third icon indicates a tip that you might find useful.

Boldfaced words indicate terms that are included in the glossary at the end of the book. Boldface is also used to indicate the answer to a sample problem discussed in the test. Throughout the book you will find marginal notes, boxes, and starred areas. Pay close attention to these areas because they can provide tips, hints, strategies, and further explanations to help you reach your full potential.

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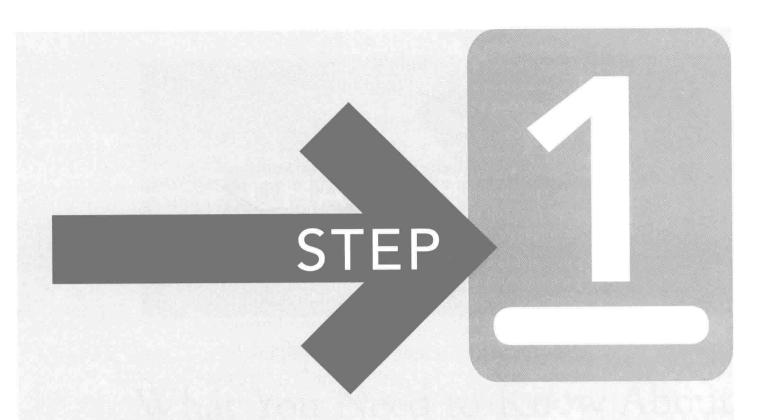
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