

Recommended AP World Review Books

- These are all recommended AP Review books. The links will take you to purchasing sites.
- Under each book I've included a pro-con list based on student reviews.
- However, the most important thing is to pick a book that works for YOU and to use it consistently!

[World History: Preparing for the AP Exam](#) (AMSCO)

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● This one is actually being used as a textbook in some AP World History classes.● Lots of practice tests/ questions● Nice lists of important historical people, events, places, etc.● Good overview of content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Light on detail if it's a "text book"● Some questions aren't well written or have incorrect answers.

[AP World History an Essential Coursebook](#) (Ethel Woods)

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Has lots of multiple choice tests, SAQs, LEQs, and DBQs.● Really well organized.● Highly recommended by many high school teachers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sometimes multiple choice questions were too simple & not in the style on the AP Exam.● It would be nice if there were some timelines.

[AP World History Crash Course](#) (Jay Harmon)

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Organized by Key Concepts which made studying easy● Written by an AP World History Teacher● Bigger font made studying less of a strain● Wasn't information overload● Well organized charts● Conversational, sometimes humorous tone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Not many practice questions● Only one online practice test● Formats given for essay questions (at the end) were not in-line with what we learned in class.

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[Cracking the AP World History Exam \(Princeton Review\)](#) This was the one most students used

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Covered everything that was on the exam.● While it lacked detail, it had enough to help students realize what they needed to go back to and review.● It was like a refresher of the things learned in class and from the textbook.● Comparison charts near the end that are helpful.● Conversational tone (cracking jokes, using slang) - not dry like a textbook, which helped students feel less anxious about the exam.● Good multiple choice reviews and free response questions.● Lots of space for taking notes.● Answer key goes through each question in detail which is really helpful, but sometimes answers were a little vague.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Some would have liked more content review.● Kind of long which made it hard to go through at a good pace & a little tedious.● Lots of long paragraphs of info.

[5 Steps to a 5 AP World History](#)

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Great glossary of key terms that are helpful for learning them.● Nice charts provided for the end of each period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Not a lot of specific historical examples.

[Barron's AP World History](#)

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Each unit was organized by the themes of WHAP.● There was a brief summary of the most important concepts.● Had great flashcards to learn content.● Offers two different length routes for studying.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● There wasn't a lot of detail.● Didn't have as many practice tests as other books.

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[AP World History Prep Plus \(Kaplan\)](#)

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lots of specific historical examples & charts• Quizzes at the end of every chapter.• Many practice DBQs and possible answers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavy emphasis on some historical detail that isn't part of the Key Concepts.• Chapters are long and hard to break up.