\*The list below has been borrowed from a veteran teacher and the thoughts reflected in it are from her students and their experiences. The most important thing is that you choose a review book that works for YOU!\*

**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 what previous students have told me & my own ideas.
* 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](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.perfectionlearning.com/social-studies/advanced-placement/world-history-ap-exam.html%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1502899655407000%26amp;usg%3DAFQjCNEPjnZJ8DDpUCd4_WQYIpFrM2FfNA&sa=D&ust=1502899655445000&usg=AFQjCNHBHMRUXgZG6fkS6FHeBzhL50bcPg) (AMSCO)

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| Pros | Cons |
| * 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
 | * Light on detail if it’s a “text book”
* Some questions aren’t well written or have incorrect answers.
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[AP World History: An Essential Coursebook](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.amazon.com/AP-World-History-Essential-Coursebook/dp/098953958X%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1502899655410000%26amp;usg%3DAFQjCNHLvkym6ViLhIA2MKlMG39bXzTB7A&sa=D&ust=1502899655446000&usg=AFQjCNG5f4Ms84ltc3XpAnZzZyiaJT7qVg) (Ethel Woods)

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| Pros | Cons |
| * Has lots of multiple choice tests, SAQs, LEQs, and DBQs.
* Really well organized.
* Highly recommended by many high school teachers.
 | * Sometimes multiple choice questions were too simple & not in the style on the AP Exam.
* It would be nice if there were some timelines.
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[AP World History Crash Course](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.amazon.com/History-Course-Online-Advanced-Placement/dp/0738612189/ref%253Dpd_sbs_14_1?_encoding%253DUTF8%2526pd_rd_i%253D0738612189%2526pd_rd_r%253DZ250RR2VWX9W1P4Z2X9W%2526pd_rd_w%253DFM9M0%2526pd_rd_wg%253DMKeMN%2526psc%253D1%2526refRID%253DZ250RR2VWX9W1P4Z2X9W%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1502899655413000%26amp;usg%3DAFQjCNGlR7yIUQsIOxGCdsY9uj3oh05Hpg&sa=D&ust=1502899655446000&usg=AFQjCNEbyEM3T5mcktQ9Url5lHxuk4UAJA)(Jay Harmon)

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| Pros | Cons |
| * 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.
 | * 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)](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.amazon.com/Cracking-History-Premium-College-Preparation/dp/1101920041/ref%253Dsr_1_1?s%253Dbooks%2526ie%253DUTF8%2526qid%253D1480343631%2526sr%253D1-1%2526keywords%253Dap%252Bworld%252Bhistory%252B2017%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1502899655417000%26amp;usg%3DAFQjCNFl64V5FGHfFPFRBEYXRklaFqcqQA&sa=D&ust=1502899655447000&usg=AFQjCNEwc-IYG018YHdTQA68N5QAPt3S4w)  This was the one most students used

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| Pros | Cons |
| * 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.
 | * 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.
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[5 Steps to a 5 AP World History](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.amazon.com/Steps-AP-World-History-2017/dp/1259589501/ref%253Dsr_1_4?s%253Dbooks%2526ie%253DUTF8%2526qid%253D1480343631%2526sr%253D1-4%2526keywords%253Dap%252Bworld%252Bhistory%252B2017%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1502899655421000%26amp;usg%3DAFQjCNFoW6GRChrkzIy9raihianlQEKJ4Q&sa=D&ust=1502899655448000&usg=AFQjCNEbPxBAgD1zk04S01V4nxl6waMw_w)

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| Pros | Cons |
| * Great glossary of key terms that are helpful for learning them.
* Nice charts provided for the end of each period.
 | * Not a lot of specific historical examples.
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[Barron’s AP World History](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.amazon.com/dp/1438007825/ref%253Drdr_ext_tmb%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1502899655424000%26amp;usg%3DAFQjCNGopli_q9Bm_lDFEwsnUDW9gbhR9g&sa=D&ust=1502899655448000&usg=AFQjCNFIGnawujTKn1EX4pgx5BOaAUHoXw)

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| Pros | Cons |
| * 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.
 | * 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)](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.amazon.com/World-History-Prep-Plus-2018-2019/dp/150620337X/ref%253Dsr_1_4?s%253Dbooks%2526ie%253DUTF8%2526qid%253D1500919535%2526sr%253D1-4%2526keywords%253Dkaplan%252B2018%252Bap%252Bworld%252Bhistory%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1502899655426000%26amp;usg%3DAFQjCNGoKLocrqMeJtoNXZWvwVVIg1wfPA&sa=D&ust=1502899655449000&usg=AFQjCNFcvjWNKgOKvjBmeC8e-MstqX2P6w)

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| Pros | Cons |
| * Lots of specific historical examples & charts
* Quizzes at the end of every chapter.
* Many practice DBQs and possible answers.
 | * Heavy emphasis on some historical detail that isn’t part of the Key Concepts.
* Chapters are long and hard to break up.
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