AP® World History Crash Course Book + Online (Advanced Placement (AP) Crash Course)
Synopsis

REA's Crash Course for the AP® World History Exam - Gets You a Higher Advanced Placement® Score in Less Time Crash Course is perfect for the time-crunched student, the last-minute studier, or anyone who wants a refresher on the subject. Are you crunched for time? Have you started studying for your Advanced Placement® World History exam yet? How will you memorize everything you need to know before the test? Do you wish there was a fast and easy way to study for the exam AND boost your score? If this sounds like you, don’t panic. REA’s Crash Course for AP® World History is just what you need. Our Crash Course gives you: Targeted, Focused Review - Study Only What You Need to Know The Crash Course is based on an in-depth analysis of the revised 2011 AP® World History course description outline and actual AP® test questions. It covers only the information tested on the exam, so you can make the most of your valuable study time. Our easy-to-read format gives you a crash course in: The Ancient Near East, The Middle Ages, Early Modern Europe, Asia, World War I & II, The Cold War, and more. The author also includes must-know key terms all AP® students should know before test day. Expert Test-taking Strategies Our experienced AP® World History teacher shares detailed question-level strategies and explains the best way to answer the multiple-choice and essay questions you’ll encounter on test day. By following our expert tips and advice, you can boost your overall point score! Take REA’s FREE Practice Exam After studying the material in the Crash Course, go to the online REA Study Center and test what you’ve learned. Our free practice exam features timed testing, detailed explanations of answers, and automatic scoring analysis. The exam is balanced to include every topic and type of question found on the actual AP® exam, so you know you’re studying the smart way. Whether you’re cramming for the test at the last minute, looking for extra review, or want to study on your own in preparation for the exams - this is the study guide every AP® World History student must have. When it’s crucial crunch time and your Advanced Placement® exam is just around the corner, you need REA’s Crash Course for AP® World History!

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Ok first off let me just tell you that I got a 4 on my AP test. This book WORKS. I had a decent teacher, but I never read our class textbook because it was HORRIBLY written and really difficult to understand. Suffice to say, I didn’t really learn anything the whole year in that class and when I took the practice World History exam a month before the real one, I got exactly what I expected to get, which was a ONE. Right after the practice exam I went out and bought the Princeton Review prep book for AP World History. It seemed like an easy enough book to read, but once I started studying it I found myself unable to actually commit to it. Now I was down to 2 weeks before the test and I still didn’t know much more than before my 2 weeks of studying the Princeton review. I then decided to buy this book and LOVED it. It is so easy to read and split up in short little chapters that focus on a certain topic of a specific period. The book is divided into time periods, which made it really easy to understand because it all went in order. Within the two weeks before the test I read the entire book cover to cover. If I had started earlier and really studied the content more, then I’m positive that I would have gotten a five, but since I didn’t exactly study it in depth I got a four. Either way a 4 is still a really good score, especially since I started with such a small knowledge base of the subject and I practically learned the entire year’s worth of info in 2 weeks. Seriously don’t waste your money on any other prep book. This book is the best out there and if you read this entire book (it’s actually the smallest and shortest of all prep books, I checked) then you are guaranteed a 4 or higher.

A lot of AP review books are massive--they cover a lot of material. I have never been able to read one of those cover to cover. If you want a small, easy to carry book that contains a wealth of information (but limits itself to the most important information), then this is the book for you. The only downside is that this book may not cover the topics in the same order as your textbook may have, but this is still an excellent review for the final AP World test.
I like the key terms in the beginning of the book. Crash Course chooses the most important terms and explains them well. The main part of the book is chronological review. The author divides the world history into six periods. In class, our teacher always asks us to do a SPRITE (social, political, religion, intellectual, trade, environment) chart for a civilization or an empire, so that we can have an overview for each important country. However, in Crash Course, the way how the author does the outline isn’t exactly clear. He focuses on different things for different periods and different empires. It was a little bit hard to follow his logic and hard to get a large picture. Since he uses everything in the same font and same style, it is also hard to tell which points are more important than the others. I like how the author gives many AP test tips because people use different test books across the country. It is pretty interesting for me to find out what the AP Central focuses aren’t exactly same than what the textbook focuses. Part III of the Crash Course book is pretty useful. It is good for last-minute essay review. The clear periodization and the list of the most important civilizations certainly helped me to put everything together. Moreover, I like the summary chart for religions in Page 52. I hope the author can have more charts like that. Besides the charts, I hope the book can include more graphs and timelines.

This book is very informative and easy to follow. There are helpful test taking tips along with outlines and important facts in each chapter. This book is a great study tool and makes me feel very prepared for the exam. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who wants to be successful on the AP World History exam.

I just took the exam today, and can say that I feel pretty strongly about my performance. This book is great for establishing a base of knowledge for those self-studying, and a quick review for those who actually took AP World. I don’t think this book is good enough on its own however, seeing as everything is given in a summary, and the details are skimmed over. I used this book in conjunction with getafive.com videos, the Princeton Review: Cracking the AP World Exam 2016 edition, and John Green’s Crash Course World History (which are on YouTube in case you are living under a rock) videos. I’m not going to lie, I recommend the Princeton Review if you really want to do well on the FRQs, since PR goes into just enough detail to the point where it is not excessive, but not too little details. I highly recommend the getafive.com videos since the course is taught by two teachers, one who is a teacher for AP World, and one who is an essay reader for the actual exam. The Crash Course World History videos were great, especially for when I wasn’t feeling like studying, and needed something a little more fun to do. I read The Crash Course AP World History book twice,
which I would recommend to anyone who purchases this book, as I feel that the first time, things
don't sink in as much. Is it possible to get a 4 or 5 on the exam solely using this book and ignoring
all the advice I gave above? Yes. I actually got two 4s, and one 5 on my mock exams, which were
administered by my teacher in a testing environment very similar to the one of the actual exam. I will
try to update this review in the following months when I receive my score.----------Got a 4.