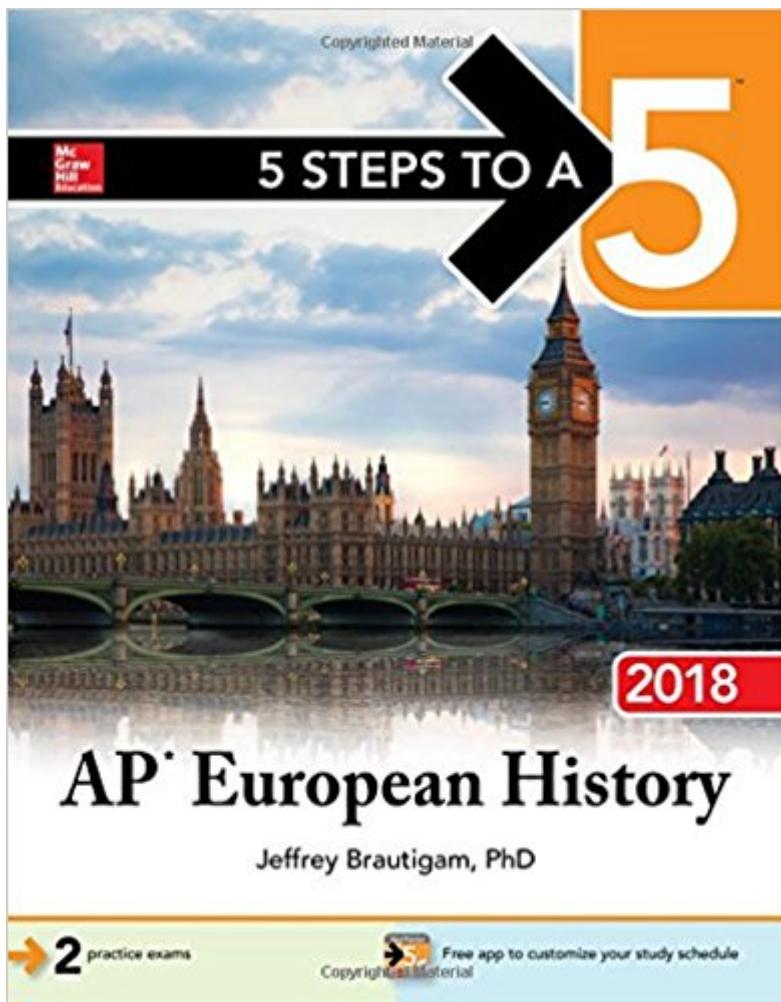


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# 5 Steps To A 5: AP European History 2018



## Synopsis

Get ready to ace your AP European History Exam with this easy-to-follow study guide5 Steps to a 5: AP European History introduces an easy to follow, effective 5-step study plan to help you build the skills, knowledge, and test-taking confidence you need to achieve a high score on the exam. This wildly popular test prep guide matches the latest course syllabus and the latest exam. You'll get two full-length practice tests, detailed answers to each question, study tips, information on how the exam is scores, and much more. 5 Steps to a 5: AP European History 2018 features:

Ã¢-Â¢ 2 Practice Exams Ã¢-Â¢ An interactive, customizable AP Planner app to help you organize your time Ã¢-Â¢ Powerful analytics you can use to assess your test readinessÃ¢-Â

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## Customer Reviews

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Some students choose to take the AP European History exam in order to gain college credit and opt out of an introductory class or an elective. This guide is a helpful study aid organized around five steps. Step one, setting up your study program, explains what the test covers, what kind and how many of each type of question to expect, and how to prepare for the exam, organizing one's time

and setting up a study group. Step two, discusses the skills that will be tested. Step three discusses strategies for the different kinds of questions: multiple choice, short answer, document-based and long essay. This is useful practical advice, similar to that found in other study guides. Step four is a chronological review from the Renaissance to globalization. This section also defines five predominant themes. Each chapter includes a summary, a list of key terms and individuals, a succinct review and sample questions and answers, and a 'rapid review', one paragraph that sums up the period. Step five gives two sample tests with answers. The answer section explains why each possible answer is right or wrong. The guide concludes with a resource guide, very short lists of works of fiction, films and web sites. No index. It would have been useful to annotate the resources listed -- and to have a resource list at the end of each review chapter. History is such a rich, complex field of study, I was surprised this study guide was so thin. I've reviewed many such guides over the years and this was, by far, the shortest. Yet, reading the material, while not comprehensive, it seems adequate to inform the test taker. A free app is available for iPhone, iPad and Android devices which helps set up a study schedule.

As a tutor, sometimes my students mention to me that they need help with another class or that they're worried about their AP exams and I always recommend the McGraw-Hill AP Prep books. The 5 Steps to a 5 is a great book for students to work through before attempting the 500 Questions workbook. In addition to the two practice tests, this book offers a concise guide to all of the material they need to know to be successful on the AP exam. Does it cover everything in depth? No, but it does hit all the basics and is a great jumping off point if students decide they need extra resources about a particular topic within the subject area, and it's also great if they just need a quick review. Our local school systems uses a block schedule where students take four classes fall semester and four classes spring semester. But AP tests are only offered in the spring so the kids who took an AP class fall semester are at a disadvantage in my opinion. This book is an amazing resource for those students. No one wants to go back and reread a 500 page textbook, but this workbook is quick, concise, and organized logically. Overall, it's a great workbook and I've used McGraw-Hill books for the entire 12 years I've been tutoring and never been disappointed. If you or your student are preparing for the May 2018 AP Euro History exam, you need to get this book.

Test prep can help any student, but particularly those whose AP history teachers follow their own curriculum and not that geared toward the test. That was the case with our student. He loved the class, but probably would not have if the teacher had taught to the test. (The teacher just decided it

wasn't effective to teach to the test, because our school district starts much later than other districts, so he has four or five fewer weeks to teach the material.) So, extra effort was needed to take the exam. As with SAT prep, we found that a long lead time is the best way to study, not a one-off prep course. The practice tests in this book are a big draw and include answers and explanations, so you can evaluate your answers. Also valuable is the timeline and checklist that gives you an idea of where you should be in the study process, depending on how much time you have before the test. In the back is a short appendix with more resources to use, including books and websites. Your student might protest the extra study, but it really does have the potential to improve your score.

These 5 Steps to a 5 books are great for test prep! We've used them before and I am convinced my kids have scored better with these books than if they didn't prepare with them. As I mentioned in other reviews, there are two features in these books that I love: the invaluable practice tests and the clearly laid out timeline of what you should be doing and accomplishing every month. I like this so a kid can stay on track and not be overwhelmed by all they have to do. Definitely a book worth utilizing for a better test score and to feel very prepared for the AP exam.

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