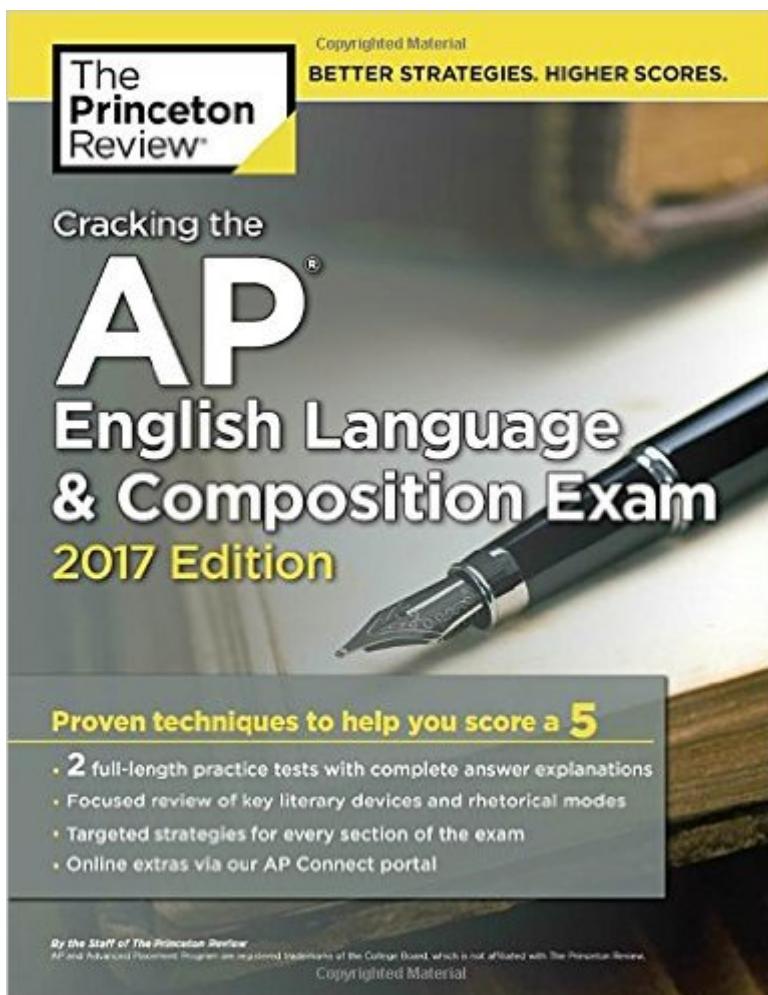


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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm an AP Chemistry teacher who has taken the time to purchase and compare the various test prep

books for this exam. I started out by looking at the ratings, and I only ordered test prep books that had an average rating of at least four stars. That left me with three books for AP Chem. The 5 steps book, the AP Chem for Dummies book, and the Princeton Review. I admit I bought the 2012 version of all three; they generally don't change much from year to year and I feel comfortable extrapolating the 2013 rating from the 2012 editions (which were much cheaper bought used on my teacher salary!) Of the three, I find the Princeton Review book to be the best overall. They do a good job of mirroring actual AP Chemistry exam questions, and I detected no lapses in the content coverage. What's even better, though, is the authors of this book made a conscious effort to exclude things that you just don't need to know. The biggest problems with the 5 steps and the Dummies books was that there was just too much stuff. You're buying a review book to help you pass the exam, and learning anything beyond that is not useful in a test prep book, generally. The 5 steps book also had really bad practice questions, while the Dummies book wasn't particularly user friendly when it came to the formatting. The only weakness the Princeton Review book had is that it really is, at its core, a supplemental text. There's not a great deal of time spent on actually teaching the material (more worked-out examples would have been nice). The bones are quite good, but I really feel like it's best used as a companion to a full-on AP Chemistry course.

**THE COURSE/EXAM:** World History AP, or WHAP, is a college level world history class that tests a student's ability to connect the fundamentals of history under principals such as culture, economy, and political aspects. Students will be required to do conceptual and analytical thinking to link different civilizations with one another. The purpose of this course is not to memorize dates and history, but rather to understand how all civilizations can be linked with TRENDS. You will be required to understand these trends in both the multiple choice and free response portion of the exam, unlike APUSH(AP US History), which requires a great deal of information retention. At the end of the year, you will take the WHAP exam to determine your knowledge in the class. The exam is composed of 70 multiple choice questions worth 50% of the grade and 3 essays worth 50% of the grade together. The multiple choice questions test aspects of cultures and your knowledge of remembering their differences and similarities, such as How did \_\_\_\_\_ differ from \_\_\_\_\_ economically? The free response part has 3 essays: a Document Based Question, a Change over Time Question, and a Compare/Contrast Question. With each essay, you can score from a 0-9, which is based on a rubric I will post below. Getting a 5 on the exam means earning about 70-100% of the maximum allotted points, while a 4 is around 50-70%. **PRINCETON REVIEW:** My world history textbook was an absolute PAIN to read. As a result, I decided to purchase this book to supplement

the overall experience for the class. And it helped: significantly. The book starts off with more info about the WHAP test, such as what to expect and how to answer questions.

If you're in AP World History, or self-studying, this is the book to get for the AP exam. This past year I took my first AP [sophomore] and was extremely nervous for the exam. My teacher had us highlight and annotate the Barrons book for world history, but I found it really unhelpful. I found Barron's full of unnecessary details that distracted me and made it really difficult for me to concentrate on the vital points that I needed to know. The practice questions at the end of each chapter were too easy of a review. Scared of getting a 2, I went on to see if any other review book for the test had gotten high ratings. That's when I found Princeton Review's book. Luckily my local library had this book available so I decided to get it quickly. To be honest, I didn't really read the intro and strategies part in depth as my teacher had done a nice job in telling us how to write the three types of essays. Plus all of our tests this year were AP Multiple Choice style. So I skipped to the review section which was a decent size. I found it to be organized in chapters; each pertaining to one chunky time period of world history. After reading and taking good notes on the first chapter, I knew this was the right book. I was able to concentrate and really understand the material, and the book gave me several examples of connections I should make. I managed to go through the entire review section in about a month, and the notes that I took served as good reinforcement material. The author of this book has a style that is understandable, though there are a few corny jokes in between [this actually helps you remember the material!]

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