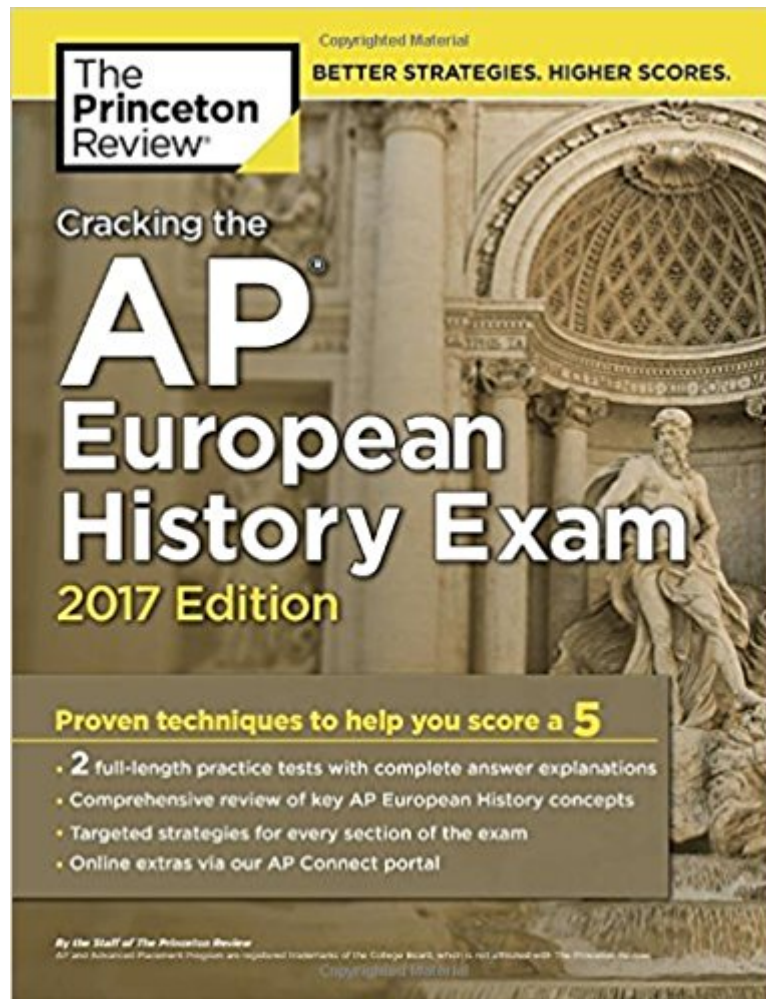


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# Cracking The AP European History Exam, 2017 Edition (College Test Preparation)



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## Customer Reviews

I took AP European History in my sophomore year of high school. My teachers said we could buy this book and bring it in for extra credit. Friends that had already taken the class told me it would be

one of my best resources to do well on the AP Exam. I studied this book and old tests before tests in the class and the AP Exam, and they worked wonders. The summaries of chapters and the practice tests in this book are invaluable for anyone who want to score a 4 or a 5 on the AP Exam. I had the 2008 edition, but this edition is just as helpful. I got a 5 because of this book, buy it if you want to do well in AP European History.

It's too bad there aren't more reviews to back my opinion, because this book easily beats out the Kaplan and Cliffs Notes versions, both of which I became familiar with while studying. The summaries and simple language were key in helping me remember and learn things that weren't in my textbook. The practice tests are also better than any other competitor, and the opening section on how to take the test itself is crucial. There's a lot more to the test than the "eliminate and guess" technique, and the strategies are outlined well. I owe my 5 to this book, and would recommend the series (always written by the same person so far) to anyone over the outdated Cliffs version and the often-confusing Kaplan editions.

This is an excellent study guide for the 2016 AP Euro exam. I self-studied for the exam this year and can say with confidence that the Princeton Review AP Euro series contains a tremendous amount of AP Euro content and strategies. In order to study for the exam, I watched YouTube videos, did questions on Learnorator, and read two review books. This strategy was extremely effective; I was confident answering almost every question on the test. If you are aiming for less than what I wanted, lower than a 4 or 5, this book alone will most likely earn you it. Inside the review book, there are around 450 pages of varying categories. The book contains tips for each section of the exam, a 200 page content review section, and two practice exams with answer explanations provided. There are content chapters from 1450-1648, 1648-1815, 1815-1914, and 1914-the present day. Each is quite lengthy and should be done over multiple sittings. In addition, at the end of each content chapter, a quiz of around 20 questions is given. These are great estimators of what you know about the content chapters. Compared to the REA AP Euro book, which I also read, this book is much more detailed and comprehensive. The REA book is only an outline for the test content and does not provide detailed descriptions of what occurred from 1450-the present day in Europe. However, it does provide a great summary of the material most likely to be on the test. Therefore, I would recommend using the REA book as a last-minute cramming tool on the day of the exam. Actively reading the Princeton Review AP Euro book two times over (this means taking notes in the margins and underlining key information) will expose any diligent reader to the content

necessary for success on the exam. This will probably account for around 30 hours of one's time- a worthwhile investment when the savings of AP credit are taken into account. Overall, the Princeton Review AP Euro series is a fantastic review book. Those who took the 2016 exam and read it like me will likely agree!

The description of this book is very misleading. It says it is redesigned to reflect the new 2016 exam format. As a certified AP teacher, I am familiar with the new exam format and this book does NOT follow the new format. All of the multiple-choice questions reflect the old format and are useless for those preparing for the 2016 exam. Very disappointing.

My 14 year old daughter was struggling with her first round of AP classes. Her instructor recommended this book. It did the trick. She ended last semester with straight A's and a 4.3 gpa. Will continue to add these for her upcoming courses.

Definitely go with PR!! As a student who recently scored a 5 on the 2010 AP European History Exam, I found this book to be essential for reviewing weeks before the test. Princeton Review did an excellent job organizing a comprehensive layout of the course. I also found the mc sections of the practice tests to be useful as well. Trust me...I've read through Barron's, 5 Steps to a 5, REA's Crash Course, and MEH but nothing tops this book. Read it thoroughly and you should get a 4-5 no doubt. Oh and most of my friends used this for review and loved it too.

the most useful part of this book was the chapters that thoroughly explain how to get full scores on the DBQ/long essay. if you feel like your Euro teacher hasn't explained the AP essay scoring system well, then you should definitely get this book. in addition, the practice tests line up pretty well with the actual format of the AP test. when it comes to the information sections, obviously princeton review loves to way over-prepare its students. So those sections are extremely detailed and not good for a quick review. that being said, if you want to score a 5 you will appreciate the feeling of being over prepared. I found it most helpful to read through the chapters alongside my class notes so that i could figure out which information was the most essential. You do not have to know all of the people/events mentioned in this book to get a 5, so focus on the ones you learned in class!! finally, the timelines are extremely useful but much too detailed; i highlighted the important dates in the timelines and used them to review which events occurred in specific centuries. i'd say one of the big weaknesses of this book is that there is no comparison between the different types of

art (renaissance, baroque, neoclassicism, romanticism etc.) Yes, they are all discussed in the book, but they are not compared side-by-side. other than that, this book is a must-buy for those who want a good score.

Bought this for my son, and he said it's been very helpful. His AP Euro class is very difficult, but with the help of this book, he is getting a good grade!

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