

# *Teaching American History*

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Test	CLEP	SAT II	AP® U.S. History	Praxis II: Subject Assessments
Website	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep">www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep</a>	<a href="http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/sat2/history">www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/sat2/history</a>	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap">www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap</a>	<a href="http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.435c0b5cc7bd0ae7015d9510c3921509/?vgnextoid=48c05ee3d74f4010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD">http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.435c0b5cc7bd0ae7015d9510c3921509/?vgnextoid=48c05ee3d74f4010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD</a>
Contact	The College Board P.O. Box 6600 Princeton, NJ 08541-6600  Phone: (800) 257-9558 Fax: (609) 771-7088 Email: <a href="mailto:CLEP@info.collegeboard.org">CLEP@info.collegeboard.org</a>	The College Board SAT Program P.O. Box 6200 Princeton, NJ 08541-6200  Phone: 888-SAT-HELP Email: <a href="mailto:sat.help@info.collegeboard.org">sat.help@info.collegeboard.org</a>	AP Services P.O. Box 6671 Princeton, NJ 08541-6671  Phone: (609) 771-7300 or (888) 225-5427 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada) Email: <a href="mailto:apexams@info.collegeboard.org">apexams@info.collegeboard.org</a>	ETS-The PRAXIS Series P.O. Box 6051 Princeton, N.J. 08541-6051  Phone: (800) 772-9476 Email any questions on their website.
Intended Audience	College level: two examinations taken at the conclusion of each semester of a two semester course.	High School: used for college admission, course placement and course selection.	Advanced Placement: College level material in a high school setting.	Individuals entering the teaching profession.
Scope of content	History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877 & CLEP History of the United States II: 1865 to the Present. Exam I represents material covered in the first semester of a 2-semester college course in U.S. History and exam II the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	Assesses high school history knowledge/ability. Having a comprehensive U.S. History course and some social studies background in high school should prepare a student for this test's content.	Tests facts and analytical skills based on knowledge of U.S. History from European Explorations to 1789 (20%), 1790-1914 (45%), and 1915-Present (35%).	Measuring the knowledge of high school teachers. Specific Subject Tests offered in History
Cost	\$55 + administrative fees charged by individual test centers	\$8. Offered 6x/year. College Board sets locations	\$82. Exams are ordered by schools (information given online); the school elects an "AP Coordinator".	\$75
Sample exams	Various test prep booklets can be found.	Various test prep booklets can be found.	Website offers extensive network of questions from past exams	There is an exam booklet on the website; it is not an actual past exam, but it outlines the scope of the exam and question formats.

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<sup>2</sup> These tests should be used for diagnostic purposes, not punitive purposes; and aggregated data should be used to protect the confidentiality of individual teachers and students.