

About Your Study Plan

This Study Plan comprises the full spectrum of materials and resources available to a candidate. We encourage you to use the recommended resources to target preparation to your needs and goals. There will be hyperlinks throughout this document. Please make sure that you visit the relevant pages to access all of the resources. Your commitment to great teaching begins here. Your efforts will not only help you pass the test, but will also prepare you to become a successful teacher.

How to Study

ABCTE is committed to making sure you are the best possible teacher. We will provide you with study tips to get ready for the exam and both the content and resources to review this material. It is your job to commit to preparing and stay dedicated while studying.

Think of the Snapshot below as an overview for what you need to know. For more detail in each topic, review the exam [standards](#). The ABCTE exams are based on this blueprint, so consider this a syllabus for what you want to study.

Your Materials

- **Standards:** a list of everything that might be on the test.
- **Study Plan:** your syllabus with links to what you need to study for each section.
- **Cracking the AP U.S. History Exam:** a textbook developed to help provide an outline of the materials that may appear on the American Board World History exam.

World History Exam Snapshot

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| <b>Time Allowed</b>                                                                                   | 240 minutes                           | <b>Exam<br/>Summary</b> | <b>Content Domains</b>                      | <b>Approximate<br/>Percentage of<br/>Examination</b> |
| <b>Format</b>                                                                                         | Multiple Choice                       |                         | From Prehistory to<br>Ancient Civilizations | 13%                                                  |
| <b># of<br/>Questions</b>                                                                             | 125                                   |                         | Classical Civilizations                     | 19%                                                  |
| <b>On-Screen<br/>Exhibits</b>                                                                         | None                                  |                         | Postclassical Era                           | 16%                                                  |
| <b>Passing Score</b>                                                                                  | Proficient: 265<br>Distinguished: 324 |                         | Early Modern Times                          | 15%                                                  |
| (The number of questions answered correctly is<br>converted to a scaled score ranging from 0 to 500.) |                                       |                         | The Long 19th Century                       | 19%                                                  |
|                                                                                                       |                                       |                         | The Global 20th Century                     | 18%                                                  |
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About This Exam

The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence believes that highly skilled world history teachers should possess a comprehensive body of knowledge that is research-based and promotes student achievement.

The world history exam is a rigorous assessment of a candidate’s knowledge of the history of the world from ancient civilizations to the twentieth century. The exam assesses a candidate’s ability to make global connections across time periods and regions of the world.

Study Tip: Use a World History survey text

Bentley and Ziegler’s *Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past* is recommended as your survey text. If you have another survey book from college, or you have access to a different text from your library, that is perfectly fine. It is important that you have access to a survey book because it will assist in covering the various domains of the exam.

The Study Plan:

Your study plan includes direction on how to use American Board’s resources. We also include recommended resources to aid in your mastery. You should also rate these resources whenever possible.

This plan is specified for the average 13 month period (4 months for PTK, 4 months for U.S. History, and 4 months for World History. 2 weeks to take each test) in which most people are able to complete the program. Many have completed the program in a shorter amount of time.

| Area of Study                            | Required Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Recommended Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| From Prehistory to Ancient Civilizations | <p>Review specific World History standards and review related material in the the following textbooks:</p> <p><b>Books</b></p> <div><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Cracking the AP World History Exam</a></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past</a></div> | <p><b>Web Resources</b></p> <div><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">All You Need to Know About Hinduism</a></div> <p><b>Books</b></p> <div><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">The Illustrated World’s Religions: A Guide to Our Wisdom Traditions</a></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Hammond Concise Atlas of World History</a></div> |

Your Notes:

**Note:** The recommended resources are often freely accessible online or can be found in your library. To ease your search, we have hyperlinked them.

Community Tip:

If you use your own study material and you find a resource that is helpful please let our candidate services department know. Send the book title to [cs@americanboard.org](mailto:cs@americanboard.org)

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Your Notes:

Following in the footsteps of one of her childhood role models may never have been an option for Kennedy had it not been for American Board:

*"Very possibly, I would not have pursued my teacher certification if American Board's program did not exist. American Board made it convenient for me to prepare for my examinations by making study material available in various forms and by making the material pertinent to what is required for success."*

- Norma Kennedy, American Board Teacher