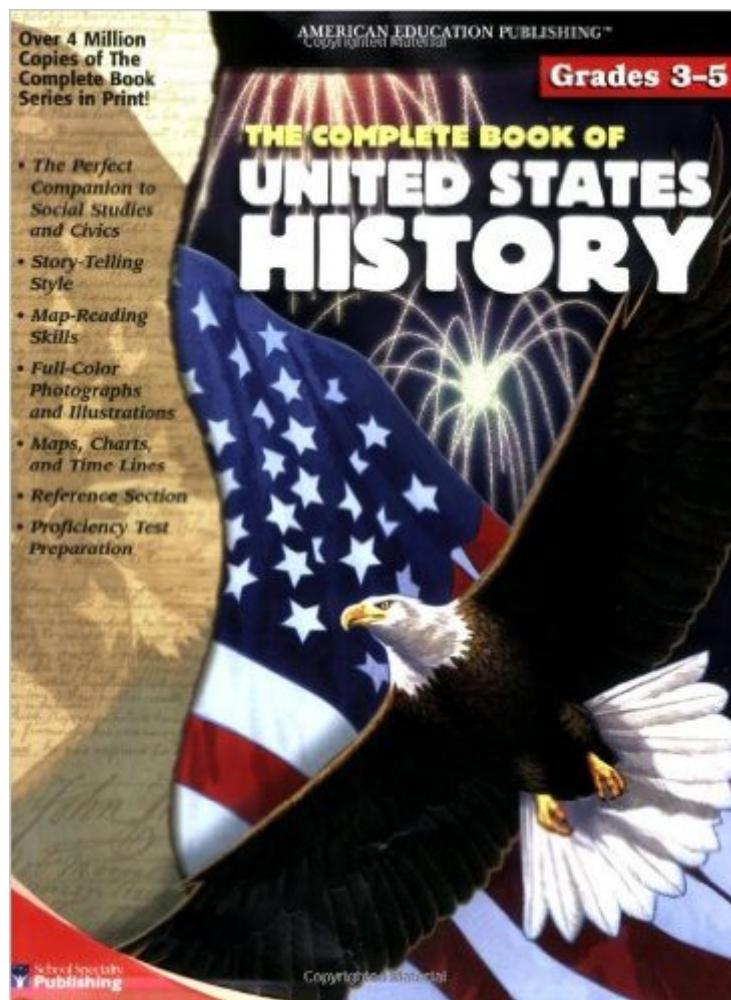


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# The Complete Book Of United States History



## **Synopsis**

The Complete Book of United States History teaches children in grades 3 to 5 important skills in U.S. History. In this 352 page workbook children complete a variety of exercises, covering pre-United States history with the native peoples of the American continent to present day. Including a complete answer key this workbook features a user-friendly format perfect for browsing, research, and review. Over 4 million in print! The best-selling Complete Book series offers a full complement of instruction, activities, and information about a single topic or subject area. Containing over 30 titles and encompassing preschool to grade 8 this series helps children succeed in every subject area! v

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Grade Level: 3 - 5

## **Customer Reviews**

Some things about this book I really like. The pages are large, the text is big, the illustrations are very colorful. The stories are easy to read. It's so less overwhelming than the average history textbook, and presented in a much more interesting format. It starts with the theory of early Americans coming over the land bridge from Asia. However, it presents this as FACT, rather than the theory it really is. Just recently, human fossils were found that proved humans were in North America 50,000 years ago - long before the last ice age began (which I believe was about 13,000 years ago.) That's always been an irritant to me - books that present theory as fact, without giving

kids the opportunity to judge for themselves, or even allowing them the possibility that "the teacher" might not know everything! The book doesn't give much to 20th century America - and it focuses very heavily on Indian affairs. In fact, the second half of the 20th century is covered in only about 30 pages. There is an unusually high percentage of text devoted to causes that normally don't get so much attention. For instance, the Vietnam Memorial gets 5 pages, and Exxon Valdez disaster gets 5 pages - but there is NO mention of Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Clinton, or either George Bush! It's definitely not enough for a full years' curriculum, but a good book for any student who is shy of history - because the stories really are easy to read and nicely illustrated. Each section has interesting but not really educational activities (draw a mural about life in America, write a message in Morse code) but doesn't contain tests, essays, or other difficult tasks. It's labeled for grades 3 - 5, but I wouldn't give it to the average 3rd grader, due to the reading level. And for children older than that, this is only supplementary or remedial.

I got this book to homeschool my 4th grader. I like the pictures and the format. The activities at the end of the sections don't really show whether or not your child has remembered or grasped what they just read. There are also no tests or questions to judge what he is learning. I am having to create my own tests and worksheets to go along with this work, which I don't really have time for. Also, I am having to supplement with books from the library to make sure that he is really learning about each subject. This book is OK, but not great.

My 5th grader loves using this book! The text is captivating, and leaves her asking more questions about most of the topics - every homeschool mom's dream! The written exercises are useful reinforcements. They are generally fun, creative work - definitely not busywork. If your child is on the younger end of the age range, he might need some assistance with the exercises and reading.

How can you write a History Book on the United States of America without a chapter dedicated to Slavery? Slavery as inhuman as the act was, it was a major event in Americas history that accounts for a lot of Social and political situations today. It shows how Americans have grown to accept each other, slavery is one of the major frictions that occurred between the British and the Americans (William Wilberforce). Slavery describes the origin of the Black race in the Americas. Without slavery in the history books, 1/3 of the truth about North America and South America is lost. How does one account for slavery in the African History books used in Africa yet it is not mentioned in the American History books? How do you account for the black soldiers who fought in the wars that led

to uniting the states of America? How do you explain chains and shackles on display in various museums around the world? How to you explain the existence of Freetown in West Africa? Are we now after reading this book to drop the creole culture in Louisiana, Haiti and Republic of Côte d'Ivoire down the drain? How do you explain the evolution of colonialism? How do you explain the existence of the mixed race in Liberia, West Africa with ancestors in the United States of America? The writer of this book needs to lean more on sincerity or stay away from using the word History in the title. Such books create inconsistencies in world history and miss educates our children. How are we going to maintain a United States of America with authors writing books that disregard the heritage of a group of Americans? As a history graduate having lived on various continents in the world I am flabbergasted.

I love the "complete" series which is what prompted me to make this purchase. I got the book today and it is nothing like the rest of the series....there are vast areas in this book that have no worksheets or activities to help the child "own" the material. It is basically a textbook...It might be a fine history book but I think including it in the "complete" series is misleading to loyal users of the series. I wanted more fun activities for each unit and was expecting at least one consumable worksheet for section and am sad at how few are actually included.

What I liked about this book is that it goes into areas that most US History books ignore or gloss over. What I understand about this book is that it must have a limited number of pages, and because of that it never really goes into detail about any period or event. Most periods or events are covered in 2 pages or less. It also requires a parent or educator to explain things. I say that because it breaks the Civil War or Revolutionary War, etc. into small bits and pieces. It may focus on a bill and then a battle, but never gives an overall synopsis of the event to tie it all together. The bite sized nuggets are great for maintaining interest among teens and hitting on oft ignored topics, but a summary or overview is still required. My child left this book knowing lots of neat facts, but unable to give summaries of the events leading up to, during or after key historical events in our history.

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