

AP US History
Program Component Review
District Summary

AP US History TEXT SELECTION

Texts reviewed:

Give Me Liberty (Foner)	Norton
By the People (Fraser)	Pearson
America's History (Henretta, Hindraker, et al)	Bedford St. Martin's
American History: Connecting with the Past (Brinkley)	McGraw Hill

Each question was scored on a scale of 1-4 by each of the four teachers on the selection committee.

CONTENT

1. Does the text promote acquisition of Common Core Standards in each area?
Writing?
Reading?
Listening/Speaking?
Language?
2. Is there an emphasis on a balanced view of US History from a variety of perspectives?
3. Are there adequate references to each major period of US History?
4. Are there references to current issues/theories?

Scores:

Give Me Liberty (Foner)	Norton	56
By the People (Fraser)	Pearson	56
America's History (Henretta, Hindraker, et al)	Bedford St. Martin's	28
American History: Connecting with the Past (Brinkley)	McGraw Hill	32

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. What is reading level/complexity of the text?
2. What is the availability of online or physical resources for teachers (e.g. PPT, etc.)?

3. Is there adequate content and practice to promote reading/writing skills and analysis of original sources?
4. What is the quality/availability of supplemental/technology based materials for students?
5. What is the adequacy of student support materials? (workbooks, online, etc?)
6. What is the quality of maps and other visuals?

Scores:

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By the People (Fraser)	Pearson	76
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ASSESSMENT

1. What are the types/quality of formative/summative assessments to promote acquisition of necessary skills/content?
2. Are sample multiple choice/free response tests included in the resources for every unit?

Scores:

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By the People (Fraser)	Pearson	24
America's History (Henretta, Hindraker, et al)	Bedford St. Martin's	8
American History: Connecting with the Past (Brinkley)	McGraw Hill	16

Total Scores:

Give Me Liberty (Foner)	Norton	168
By the People (Fraser)	Pearson	156
America's History (Henretta, Hindraker, et al)	Bedford St. Martin's	72
American History: Connecting with the Past (Brinkley)	McGraw Hill	92