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AP[®] United States History

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| Title | Edition | Author/Editor | ISBN | Available on the Academy's Bookstore? |
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| Advanced Placement United States History by AMSCO | 3 rd * | John J. Newman, John M. Schmalbach | 978-1531129125 | No |
| For the Record, Volume 1 | 5 th | Shi, David E. | 978-0393919400 | No |
| For the Record, Volume 2 | 5 th | Shi, David E. | 978-0393919417 | No |
| Jacksonian Era | 2 nd | Remini, Robert Vincent | 978-0882959313 | No |
| Righteous Cause: The Life of William Jennings Bryan | 1994 | Cherny, Robert W. | 978-0806126678 | No |
| The History of the United States: A Christian Perspective** | | Spinney, Dr. Robert | <i>A digital copy is provided in the course.</i> Paperback 979-8670298490 | No |
| Computer microphone (required) | | | | |

Please note:

- > *This course will be using the 3rd edition of the textbook. The publication date for this textbook was January 2019, and the text is often referenced as the "2020 Edition."
- > ***The History of the United States: A Christian Perspective* is a college history textbook written by Dr. Robert Spinney. Students will be provided the content digitally during the course at no cost.
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AMSCO Advanced Placement United States History by Newman and Schmalbach

SYNOPSIS: This is an AP United States History textbook that prepares students for the AP exam. It provides an overview of American History and the AP US History exam, equipping students to know what to expect on the exam. Additionally, the text offers several practice moments to prepare students and help them understand the application of the course to the exam. The textbook is not written from a biblical perspective Christian; however, the instructor and the textbook by Dr. Spinney will be framing the text in the context of a biblical perspective.

The History of the United States: A Christian Perspective, by Spinney

SYNOPSIS: This college-level history book was written by Dr. Robert Spinney to provide students an understanding of the themes, patterns, and worldviews woven throughout history while they study historical events, individuals, and decisions throughout American history. Studying history as a Christian goes beyond memorizing dates and names. The understanding of the past allows Christians to better respond to the present, plan for the future, and be knowledgeable of the beliefs this country was founded upon.

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For the Record: A Documentary History by Shi

SYNOPSIS: This volume reprints actual documents and speeches from American history. It includes things like Jonathan Edwards’ explanation of the first Great Awakening revivals, George Washington’s Farewell Address, the majority opinion in the Supreme Court’s Dred Scott decision, statements made by Malcolm X during the Civil Rights Movement, and several of Ronald Reagan’s speeches. No scandalous, vulgar, R-rated, or prurient documents are included. The book does not comment on the original documents; it only reprints them.

→ **REASON FOR TEACHING:** This book is included in our AP® U.S. History course, because it is important for students to understand, interpret, and analyze primary source documents. Students will gain a more robust understanding of American history by examining firsthand the types of documents that historians use when writing history textbooks. Learning to analyze primary source documents will help prepare students for their AP® exams and strengthen their research and writing abilities—abilities that are key to any college degree or career.

The Jacksonian Era by Remini

SYNOPSIS: This brief book is an overview of Andrew Jackson, the Jackson Administration’s policies, and American culture during the Jackson Era. Remini is the preeminent Jackson scholar today. The book does not provide a Christian interpretation of the period, but neither is it critical of Christianity. The book says nothing that should be alarming to Christian readers.

A Righteous Cause: The Life of William Jennings Bryan, by Cherny

SYNOPSIS: This is a sympathetic biography of William Jennings Bryan. Bryan was one of the most influential national-level politicians from 1895 until his death in 1925. He was also very public about his evangelical Christian faith and determination to let the Bible rule in whatever matters it addresses. It is not an uncritical biography—even our Christian heroes have sins, warts, and blemishes—but its overall message is one of praising Bryan. It is a pro-Christianity book.

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