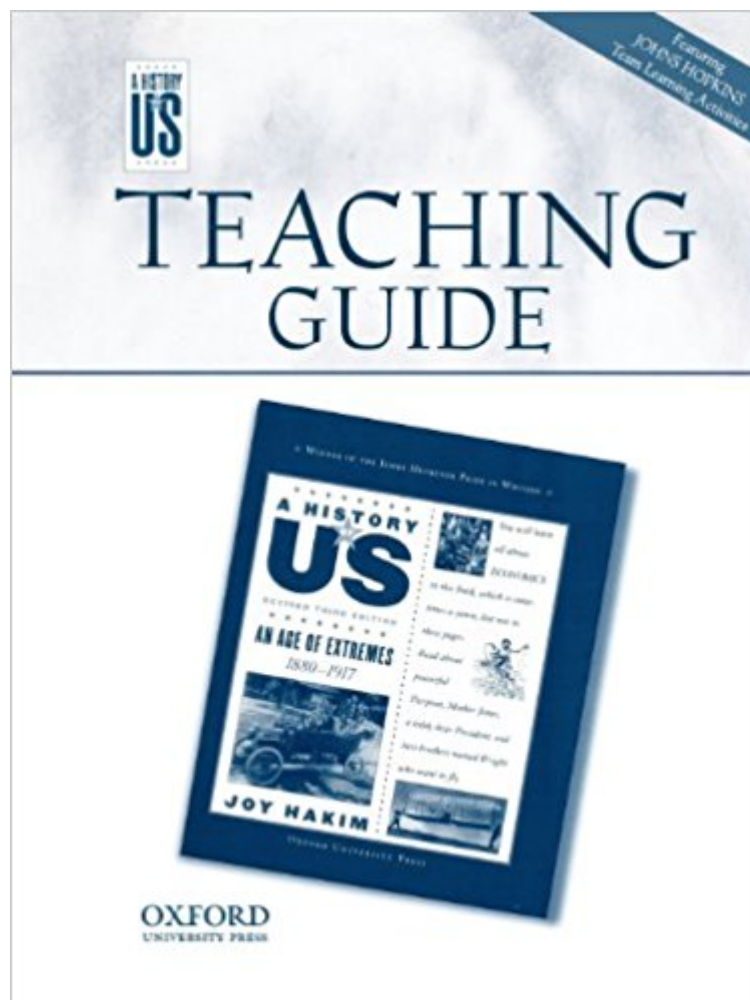


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Synopsis

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I love this series! My kids are using the Joy Hakim History of Us series in school for textbooks (small, private school). My 6th grader is breezing through these books, but doing all of them, so even though this covers a part of US History that isn't always a staple for elementary school, we are

covering it and enjoying the storytelling approach to history. This author is thorough, and teaches the development of American values & ideals through small stories that are incredibly relatable for students. Excellent tome!

Breaking the textbook mold, "A History of US" contains none of the intimidation that comes with behemoth texts. It tells the tale of America in 10 user-friendly, small, illustrated books written in a personal tone, as if the author were a storyteller. (An 11th source book, with original documents, is also available.) For the captains of industry (sometimes called Robber Barons) -- men like Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan, and Henry Ford -- the Gilded Age is a time of big money. Technology booms with the new trains, telephones, electric lights, harvesters, vacuum cleaners, and more. But for millions of immigrant workers, it is a time of hardship: workers, including children, often toil 12 to 14 hours a day sometimes under dangerous conditions. In this volume, titled "An Age of Extremes", you'll meet Mother Jones, Ida Tarbell, Big Bill Haywood, Sam Gompers, Theodore Roosevelt and others. You'll also watch the United States step onto the world stage as it enters the bloody battlefields of Europe in World War I.

Absolutely fascinating. This book covers an era in US History that I know was only brushed on when I was in school. I consider it a huge plus that the author throws in a lot of sidebars on economics. Very straight forward (though probably simplified) concepts and descriptions. It really helped me pass it on to the kids when we needed to go over some of the other things that were happening at the time. Also, I appreciated that the author didn't shy away from presenting a somewhat more balanced view of the big industrialists: Carnegie, Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, and Vanderbilt. New generations of students are often just taught that they were evil, with no more explanation, but their stories were unique. Carnegie was practically the original Horatio Alger, he started as a kid working in a factory and worked hard his whole life. Why wouldn't I want to teach my kids to work hard, too? Recommended for all history buffs as a great overview and a gateway to other study. After reading the section on Teddy Roosevelt, I went and bought the biography by David McCullough.

Needed this book for school

This book is part of a superb series of history books. The details and visual representations add to the fun of reading for elementary students of history.

A wonderful set and a wonderful volume; however the back matter citations for picture credits are an embarrassment to the editors and proofreaders alike -- even more so since the paperback edition did not correct the small but important blunders. E.g.? See Winslow Homer's painting "Snap the Whip" pictured at page 8 (bottom right) which is identified in the credits as at page 70 / 71. And even when wrong the citations are not clear. Since this set has been around for many so many years and gone through so many editions and printings this lack of attention to detail does not enhance the credibility of the editors.

Excellent publication!

Vol 8 in an 11 volume set, "The History of Us," was missing from my original purchase from Goodwill. Great prices!! I've been very impressed with the series and found it informative, and interesting. I've learned a lot, and it has peaked my curiosity about history, especially during colonial times. I've become a genealogy hobbyist and this helps put so much of what went on into a nice perspective.

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