

TO OUR FELLOW TEACHERS:

We created *Fabric of a Nation* to meet the needs of AP® U.S. History students in our classrooms and yours. As veteran AP® U.S. History teachers, exam readers, and workshop consultants, we have experienced firsthand the challenges in teaching this course, especially as the curriculum framework and preparation levels of our students have changed over the years.

Fabric of a Nation unites historical knowledge, thinking and reasoning skills, and scaffolded pedagogy to maximize student success in the class and on the AP® U.S. History exam. Unlike college textbooks that have been repackaged with some AP® add-ons, we wrote *Fabric of a Nation* specifically for AP® students. The narrative is shorter, the pedagogy focuses on essential content and skills, and appropriate for all high school AP® students.

Fabric of a Nation provides an **accessible and brief narrative** that brings the College Board’s curriculum framework to life. It’s tightly focused on the content of the course, grounded in modern scholarship, and written to meet the diverse backgrounds of today’s AP® U.S. History students.

We’ve incorporated **primary sources**, representing a diverse range of voices and types of documents, seamlessly into the narrative, with analysis and comparison questions to broaden students’ historical understanding and critical thinking skills.

Fabric of a Nation’s nine periods are **aligned with the College Board’s nine units**, with each divided into simple lesson modules that can be taught in one-to-two days, similar to the pacing found in the College Board®’s unit guides.

We’ve **scaffolded the pedagogical instruction** to provide students with step-by-step directions and practice for how to think historically, analyze documents, and write short-answer, document-based, and long-essay questions. Using sample responses, graphic organizers, and a graduated approach, each module builds and reinforces the knowledge and skills students need to understand history and be successful on the AP® Exam.

Finally, *Fabric of a Nation* also includes **AP®-style practice questions** at the end of every chapter, stimulus-based multiple-choice, short-answer, document-based, and long-essay questions, all created by experienced item writers to closely mimic the questions students will encounter on the exam.

Fabric of a Nation is the only textbook on the market made specifically for today’s AP® U.S. History classroom by AP® U.S. History teachers. We’re confident your students will benefit from it.

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