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Information About Taking the SAT Subject Tests in **HISTORY**



- Tests Offered
 - U. S. History
 - World History

- **Why should you take it?**
 - The SAT is an international standardized test that offers a comparison of a student’s subject comprehension. Many of the first-tier colleges recommend that students take at least two subject tests for admission. Your guidance counselor can provide information with respect to your schools of interest.
- **Anticipated skills**
 - Familiarity with historical concepts, cause-and-effect relationships, geography and other data necessary for understanding major historical developments.
 - A grasp of concepts essential to historical analysis.
 - An ability to use historical knowledge in interpreting data in maps, graphs, charts and cartoons.
- **Recommended Preparation**
 - One-year comprehensive cover in each course (U. S. History and World History) at the college-preparatory level.
 - Independent reading or study of historical topics covered on the test.
 - Review of textbook, with careful attention to areas of weakness and trends within major periods (timelines are useful tools for doing this).
 - Complete practice resources available at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-subject-test-preparation>

U. S. History Topics on the Test

Material*	Approximate % Of Test
Political history	31 - 35%
Economic history	13 - 17%
Social history	20 - 24%
Intellectual and cultural history	13 - 17%
Foreign policy	13 - 17%

* Social science concepts, methods and generalizations are incorporated into this material

Periods	Approximate % Of Test
Pre-Columbian history to 1789	20%
1790 to 1898	40%
1899 to the present	40%

Additional Things to Know:

- Questions on the U. S. History Subject Test may be presented as separate items or in sets based on quotes, maps, pictures, graphs or tables.
- Please note that this test reflects what is commonly taught in high school. Due to differences in high school classes, it’s likely that most students will find questions on topics they’re not familiar with. This is nothing to worry about. You do not have to get every question correct to receive the highest score (800) for the test. Many students do well despite not having studied every topic covered.

World History Topics on the Test

Chronological Material	Approximate % of Test
Prehistory and civilizations to the year 500 Common Era (C.E.)	25%
500 to 1500 C.E.	20%
1500 to 1900 C.E.	25%
Post-1900 C.E.	20%
Cross-chronological	10%

Geographical Material	Approximate % of Test
Global or comparative	25%
Europe	25%
Africa	10%
Southwest Asia	10%
South and Southeast Asia	10%
East Asia	10%
The Americas (excluding the United States)	10%

Additional Things to Know:

- The World History Subject Test uses the chronological designations B.C.E. (before Common Era) and C.E. (Common Era). These labels correspond to B.C. (before Christ) and S.D. (anno Domini), which are used in some world history textbooks.
- Questions on the World History Subject Test may be presented as separate items or insets based on quotes, maps, pictures, graphs or tables.
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Test Basics

Scoring, Timing, Number of Questions

Subject	Points	Minutes	Multiple Choice Questions	Dates Administered
U. S. History	200-800	60	90	Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., May, June
World History	200-800	60	95	December, June

For additional information access:

<https://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-subject-test-preparation-us-history>

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