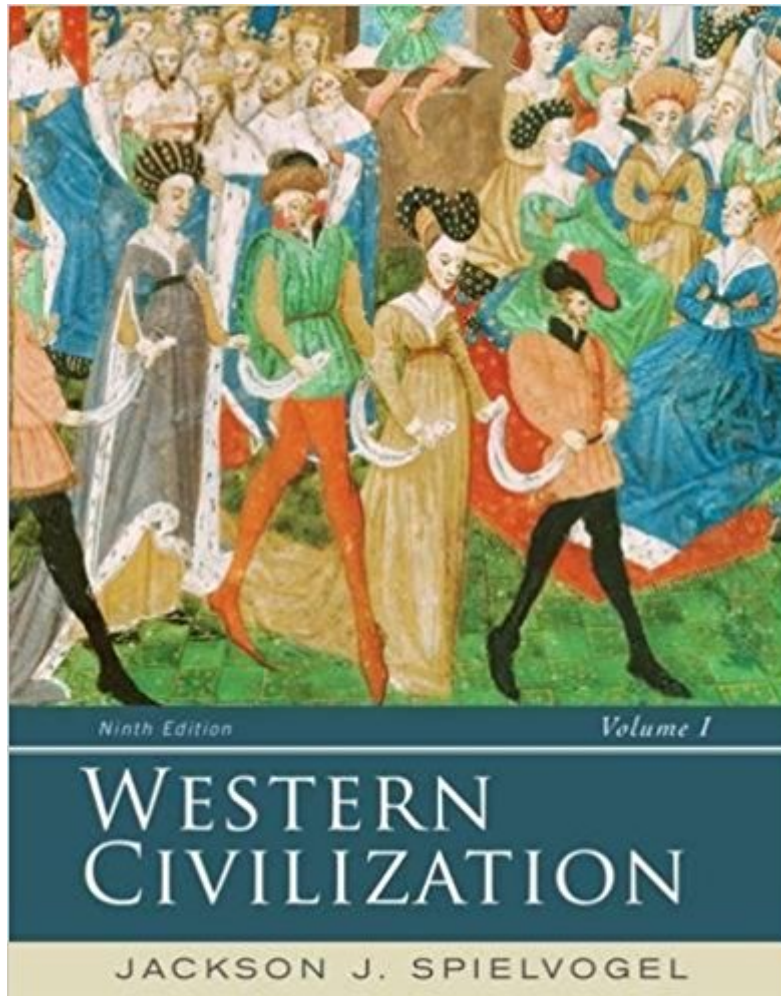




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major university-wide teaching awards. During the year 1988-1989, he held the Penn State Teaching Fellowship, the university's most prestigious teaching award. In 1996, he won the Dean Arthur Ray Warnock Award for Outstanding Faculty member, and in 2000 received the Schreyer Honors College Excellence in Teaching Award.

Bought this textbook for A LOT CHEAPER than at my school's co-op bookstore! The textbook came in decent shape for the price. There was some highlighting in it but I found it useful for studying. The textbook can be a little dull to read, so with my history class I would Google AP Euro and the certain subject or definition, and that helped with understanding the material in the textbook AND saved me time from reading the whole section or chapter. The textbook is a great book for history nerds lol. The textbook really just explains what happened and why it happened. It tries to make you understand what happened and that history repeats itself.

Great history textbook. I am taking Western Civ 101 online, with numerous essay questions due each week. The book makes the class a breeze. The way it is written is very easy to understand and follow. It's set up very nicely for use with my assignments: every section is headlined with the topic and important points are bolded, which makes it very easy to find what you are looking for without having to look back to the index. Overall it is a very interesting book. Ancient history is not everyone's cup of tea, but after having this book for a few weeks I am seeing how fascinating it really is. The book is so easy to read that even if I didn't have to take this class I would still want to read it.

This is an extremely detailed book that goes in-depth on many different topics. It does a good job with setting down the basics and allows the professor to build on it. My history professor used the textbook as a guideline to build up on the material and make each topic a story. Since the class was a lecture, if I missed anything, I could always reference the book again.

Required for my Wes Civ class. I read it from cover to cover. Well written and flowed effortlessly from topic to topic. As with any history book, because there is so much information to cover, sometimes it was difficult to keep the time straight, but at the end of each chapter, Mr. Spielvogel, had a great summary and timelines. I actually learned some things from this book. Interesting and kept my interest.

I used this as a textbook for one of my history courses. It is a very good history textbook! It isn't boring, the explanations are great, and since it is in color, the pictures are clear and easy to understand. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in history! This was one of my favorite history textbooks that I have used.

I have 3rd edition set, and took Western Civ II with Dr. Spielvogel at Penn State. His teaching and his book are by far the best history instruction (or any instruction) I've ever had. A brilliant educator and writer, this text is definitely the one you want for any course on Western Civ. Spielvogel includes "Day in the Life" sidebars, as well as the opposing point of view (e.g. the Crusaders in Muslim Eyes, an account of a Muslim's viewpoint).

I used this book to help me pass the CLEP test for Western Civilization II along with the REA test prep books and passed with no problem. The book was easy to read and very entertaining at the same time. I'm not a big history buff but the author and the format of the book kept my interest to the point where I WANTED to read the book! The author explained the background surrounding historical events and provided more than dry facts and dates - if you need to pass Western Civ this is the book to get!

Great deal. Well-balanced and concise. We used it for Homeschool senior year. My son read it out loud and we talked about the questions together. Then, if we wanted to find out more about a specific topic, we would search online. Includes several primary sources that balance the authors voice. This book does not get bogged down in dates and battles, which is a plus. You can always go to the library to get more details, if desired. We really enjoyed this text.

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