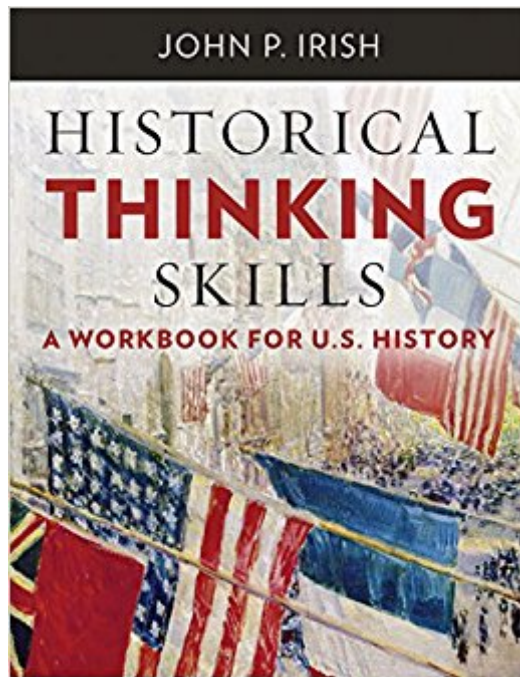




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Historical Thinking Skills: A Workbook For U. S. History



Synopsis

John Irish, an experienced U.S. History teacher, has developed this workbook to focus on the historical thinking skills that high school students in the AP[®] U.S. History course must master in order to perform well on the exam. Nine types of graphic organizers help students hone the skills essential for success in the course, including cause and effect, chronological reasoning, compare and contrast, contextualization, continuity and change over time, defining the period, historical argument, and turning points. AP[®] is a trademark registered and/or owned by the College Board, which was not involved in the production of, and does not endorse, this product.

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Customer Reviews

John P. Irish received his B.A. in philosophy and political science from Southern Methodist University, his M.A. in philosophy from the University of Arkansas, and a M.L.S. in American Studies from Southern Methodist University. He is currently working on his Doctorate in Humanities from SMU. He has been teaching U.S. History for over 15 years. He currently teaches AP U.S. History at Carroll Senior High School in Southlake, Texas, where he coaches the UIL Social Studies Team and is the UIL Academic Coordinator.

Not much more than a set a blank graphic organizers with titles of historical topics printed on them. My personal opinion is that the title is misleading in that the workbook contains not much more than blank graphic organizers. The "Historical Thinking Skills" title makes one assume that there will be

some organized instruction, scaffolding or build up to using that particular skill that is associated with the graphic organizer. Essentially students receive a blank graphic organizer with a historical topic and are left to execute the historical thinking skill with no guidance or explanation.

I really like the exercises. I wish there was an answer key but I understand why there isn't. The samples are useful but could be better. I needed more direction for contextualization and synthesis but have figured out my own way. I also wasn't too sure about the venn diagrams. The line through them throws me off but it has expanded my own thinking as I try to figure out how to use them. I wouldn't work so hard for it if I didn't really like the historical questions being presented. I'm excited to use these!

Some valuable ideas, but was hoping for more activities (rather than repeats)

I think John Irish is an amazing teacher and presenter for AP. The book is useful, but it's mostly blank graphic organizers that one could create for themselves.

John Irish is an APUSH legend and I highly recommend this workbook. It's a fantastic source for teaching students the necessary historical thinking skills as outlined by the College Board. I hope he makes more workbooks!

I wish the other reviews were available before I purchased this! I was very disappointed to find out that all I was getting was a set of identical graphic organizers with different titles. Don't waste your money.

If you teach AP United States history this is a must buy for yourself and if possible for your students. The historical interpretation section by themselves are worth the cost of this book. To have all of these resources and examples in one place are excellent. I will be shameless in my praise of John Irish, he is an excellent presenter for college board and if you are an APUSH teacher and you have not been to one of his trainings you really need to find a way to get there. He uses this book with his own students and he uses it during the institutes that he presents for. This book has saved me hours and hours of work. Thank you John Irish and Norton for this resource.

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