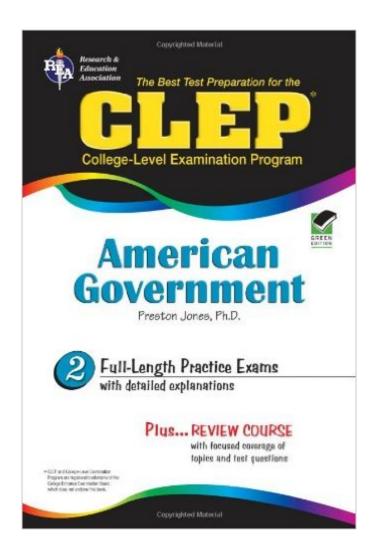
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Customer Reviews

After reading this text three times, and after hours of committing every Amendment and law case of the Supreme Court covered here to memory, after reading the U. S. Constitution five times and both of John Locke's Treatises on Government, I failed this course by four questions. My critique of this course is for the self-taught students looking to enjoy success, as I have had success in other subjects, with the CLEP exams. Perhaps this book is worth the money but I'm unconvinced the material written in this book is enough for complete confidence on the day of the test. Most of what I

studied was superfluous. Apparently, the secret recipe for passing this course is: REA's American Government CLEP study guide, any brief history of Black America, and any brief history of feminist movements reflecting civil rights. I knew what was written in the Fourteenth Amendment when I took the test, but I had no idea the test was going to be less about government and more about history, sometimes barely hitting the target of the subject of government or even law. The names of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, or Abraham Lincoln never appeared on the test I took. There were few questions on the Constitution itself, which I believed was American Government. Maybe I should be critiquing the test itself, but I hope to enlighten serious students. Yes, this book is very interesting - everything from the Second Continental Congress to Plessey versus Ferguson. In all fairness, this text may be enough to score enough to pass. Perhaps a student better than I could have passed the test with five or eight questions to spare based on the information covered here. However, as I already mentioned, it's insufficient for having confidence when testing day arrives. This test is a game. If students use the secret recipe I provided, I'm sure they will do quite well. Also, adding a documentary on Congress to the study time will be the icing on the cake.

I purchased this book to be prepared for a clep exam and it claimed they cover everything you need for the test. i took all the practice tests and scored at least 98% on them. I read the book a few times and even wrote notes out. at the day of the test i could hardly believe my eyes. There were maybe three questions that were answered in the book, the rest was not. I failed the test, which hasnt happened in at least 10 years, the book is a waste of money. Dont buy it! Save the money!

Like some of the other reviewers, I read this book cover to cover. I also took the practice tests and did very well on them. However, there were hardly any questions in the actual exam that resembled any of the questions in the book. There were quite a few questions that weren't even touched on in the whole book. Luckily, my college requires two government classes, the CLEP only counts for one of them, and I had already taken the other. My previous government class touched on a lot of these topics, and I still had the textbook, so I read all of the textbook that was not exclusively about Texas government. If I hadn't done that, I would never have passed this exam.Don't waste your money on this book. The College Board website has links to some free resources online, and they are much better than what's covered in this book.

Having been a political science buff, I deeply felt that I did not need to take the college course. After doing a full read over and then a couple more scans I was able to pass the CLEP quite easily.

Cheaper than taking the class, and after instead of selling it or trading it back, it also served as dinner for my English Bulldog, who I think may have issues with the American Revolution...

I studied for this exam over a period of about 7 days or so. This exam was somewhat difficult because there is a lot of information to correlate between the branches of government and how they interact with each other. There is also many questions on the constitution, bill of rights, and the amendments. This is not an exam that I would have passed with out studying and this is primary guide that I used to complete this exam. I also read some of the American Government Cliff Notes guide but I mainly focused on the REA Clep guide. There was a lot of information to grasp and the questions on the exam seemed as though they could have more than one answer, that is not to say that the exam attempts to trick participants but I think that it really wants us to analyze the questions and answers in depth. In all I thought this guide was sufficient to passing the exam, had I studied more than 7 days I may scored more than a 52 but the University I attend, like most, grants credit for a 50 or above. With that said, I have used REA to pass all eight of the exams that I taken so far.

So far I have loved all of the REA CLEP books that I have used until NOW. American Government did not cover anything that was on the exam AND yes, I read the book from cover to cover! This book is to vague, I would have been better off checking out an old history book from the library and taking my chances....at least that is how I am feeling...but it is not factual.

Covers all the basic fundamentals required to pass the test (Even for international students, like me). Concise content, so no need to read through loads of "FAT" books suggested by college board on their site. The test papers at the back however, are created keeping the content provided in the book itself, which sometimes does not match the content generally asked in actual CLEP.

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